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Inflation fears send gold price zooming

LONDON, Jan. 13 (R) — The price of gold reached its highest level in 20 months Thursday amid predictions by dealers and analysts that it may go higher on uncertainty about both the international banking system and worldwide inflation.

The price of gold at the morning fix in the London market was \$491 an ounce, the highest level since May 1981.

Analyst Julian Barog of Stockbrokers James Capel said people buy gold as a kind of insurance "when they are frightened about the erosion of paper money for whatever reason."

Baring said people were now rushing to buy gold because of concern about the stability of the international banking system which in recent months has been threatened by the credit difficulties of Mexico, Brazil and Poland.

"Inflation can erode paper currency over time," Baring said, "but bankruptcies can erode paper overnight."

He said the gold price could soon reach \$530. Other dealers said the weaker dollar provided support for the increased interest in buying gold.

The price of gold has climbed supply in the past six months since fears about the international monetary system began to surface. Gold traded at less than \$300 last June and has climbed steadily to its present level.

Riding the same crest are other metals and shares in South African gold mines. The higher prices for gold have been accompanied by a boom on the Johannesburg stock market in mining companies.

Copper and aluminium also have been trading at their highest levels in many months. Copper traded Thursday at 1,051 sterling per ton (75 cents per lb).

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher returned Thursday from her personal pilgrimage to the Falkland Islands facing pressure for an early general election to end uncertainty that has caused a run on sterling.

Mrs. Thatcher went straight to her desk at her 10 Downing Street office after the 22-hour journey, a government spokesman said, and treasury advisers were on hand for consultations.

Thursday sterling slipped to 1.5705 from an opening \$1.5770 before recovering to \$1.5762.

Dealers said the markets, which had already been marking sterling down because of the prospect of lower prices for Britain's North Sea oil, were nervous that the opposition Labour Party could be elected on a program which includes a large-scale devaluation of sterling.

PRAGUE, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Warsaw Pact defense ministers Thursday ended three-day meetings here by calling for a Europe without either medium-range or tactical nuclear weapons, the Czechoslovakian news agency CTK reported.

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The ministers also said that deployment by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of medium-range Pershing and Cruise missiles would lead to the "weakening of confidence and aggravation of the situation in Europe."

Western experts had expected the ministers to allude to possible responses if NATO went ahead in autumn with plans to install 572 Pershing and Cruise missiles.

Observers here said the ministers had refrained from adopting a threatening tone in order not to stop positive reactions to the "political declaration" Warsaw Pact leaders made at a summit here from January 4-5 when they offered to sign a non-aggression treaty with the West.

Foreign ministers of the Warsaw Pact — grouping Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union — are also due to meet here, but a date of their meeting is not yet known.

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Over agenda for talks Beirut, Tel Aviv reach accord

BEIRUT, Jan. 13 (AP) — Lebanon will propose a comprehensive plan for a total Israeli withdrawal from this country in the next session of talks with the United States and Israel Monday, Lebanese officials disclosed.

They said the agreement reached on a negotiating agenda in Thursday's session at the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona has

They said the Gemayel government was pleased with the agenda because it ignored the term "normalization of relations" which Israel demanded in the five previous sessions be the top agenda item.

Another cause for Lebanese satisfaction was the stipulation that agenda items were not binding in advance on the negotiating parties, the officials said.

The officials refused to reveal any details of the withdrawal plan the Lebanese side would submit in the next session at suburban Khaldé south of Beirut Monday. But they said it would include a timetable and declare Lebanon ready to negotiate the required security arrangements to facilitate the pullout of the estimated 25,000 Israeli soldiers in Lebanon.

Lebanon will pledge to negotiate a withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) commandos from northern and eastern Lebanon before the Israeli pullout from the central mountains and southern Lebanon gets under way, the officials said.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had publicly pledged to withdraw his fighters whenever President Gemayel requests such a pullout.

The Lebanese side also will serve notice that it will negotiate separately with Syria to withdraw its estimated 30,000 troops from eastern and northern Lebanon simultaneously with the Israeli withdrawal, the officials said.

The Lebanese officials said three or four subcommittees were expected to be set up to deal with military, legal, security and political aspects of the negotiations. The subcommittees would include army officers, jurists, diplomats and security experts, the officials added.

The Lebanese government was reported Thursday to have complained to the United States about Israel's construction of sophisticated early warning radar systems and telecommunication monitoring stations from an outpost on the central Lebanese mountain of Barouk.

The privately owned Lebanese Central News Agency said the Lebanese complaint communicated to President Ronald Reagan's administration through the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and American special envoy Morris Draper.

The agency quoted unnamed Lebanese official sources as saying Israeli installations on the 1,500-meter high Barouk mountain could monitor aerial, naval and land military movements from the Gulf to Egypt's Sinai desert.

These installations also are capable of monitoring telecommunications among all Arab countries, the agency said.



President Amin Gemayel
averted a walkout by the Lebanese delegation.

UAE buys Swiss defense system

ZURICH, Jan. 13 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates has ordered a multi-million dollar anti-aircraft defense system from the Swiss conglomerate Oerlikon Bührle, according to published reports.

Swiss newspapers, stating their information came from company employees, reported Wednesday that Bührle's British and Italian arms subsidiaries are building the system, carrying a price tag of 450 million Swiss francs (\$233 million).

Bührle spokesman Erwin Bührle refused comment, other than confirming that the company signed a contract late last year for "a large foreign order."

A law prohibiting Swiss companies from exporting arms to regions of conflict does not apply to their foreign subsidiaries. The emirates border on the Gulf along with warring Iran and Iraq.

Of Bührle's five foreign plants manufacturing military products, one is based in Grantham, England. Its Italian counterparts are at Milan and Lodi.

E.bloc call for Europe sans missiles

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... Now a built-in heart with total mobility

TAMPA, Florida, Jan. 13 (AP) — A noiseless mechanical heart pump that can be implanted in the body and gives a patient total mobility to lead a normal life was unveiled Wednesday at Veterans Administration Hospital, a government institution.

But scientists from the University of South Florida Medical College said, implants are seven to 10 years away, and the magnetic heart must still be tested on animals.

Stephen G. Kovacs, a biophysicist, and Dr. Michael D. Yarnoz, a surgeon, spent three years developing the device called Maltad magnetic left ventricular assist device.

Since September 1981, they have been working under a Veterans Administration grant.

"We felt it was timely to bring attention to the work being done here," Kovacs said. The scientists said the device can be implanted in a patient with a failing heart so the person can undergo normal activity without being hooked to any external equipment, as is required by the artificial heart implanted in Barney Clark at the University of Utah.

"It duplicates what the human heart does for the normal level of activity," Yarnoz said. "It is noiseless. There are no moving mechanical parts. It is a magnetic engine with a direct energy transfer system." The device can function with or without the patient's natural heart, the scientists said.

The device, weighing less than 2 pounds (one kg), would be implanted in the abdomen, and batteries would be worn around the waist. If the heart is beating, the pump would synchronize to it. If the heart stands still, the pump would take over automatically.

A small 30-minute safety battery would be implanted in the chest area to take over when the person is changing the main battery pack, which needs daily recharging.

The heart pump works like a magnet, converting power into pulsating rhythms that force the diaphragm to open and close, pumping blood through the veins and arteries.

The scientists said at least a half dozen other groups are working on similar mechanical devices, but this is the only one using a magnet for a motor. The others use cams and gear drives, they said.

Meanwhile, Clark, the first recipient of a permanent artificial heart, was slowly recovering and would be discharged from the hospital within two to three weeks, his doctors said Wednesday in Utah. The doctors said Clark, a retired dentist, is more lucid than he

has been, significantly so. He is physically stronger and his lung is better. His heart continues to perform normally, they added.

Dr. Lyle, one of the attending physicians, said they have ruled out the possibility that Clark suffered brain damage from a series of seizures Dec. 7 which left him semi-conscious for days and later disoriented. Joyce cited results of brain scans and the patient's increased alertness. "He is totally lucid most of the time," he said.

Heart vulnerable to temper

TUCSON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Hostility can harm the heart as much as smoking or high blood pressure, says a Duke University scientist who believes that "an awful lot of premature mortality may be associated with hostility."

Dr. Redford B. Williams Jr., speaking at a seminar for science writers sponsored by the American Heart Association, said hostility and anger may be the dangerous elements of the heart attack-prone type A personality.

Type A people also characterized as being highly ambitious and impatient are about twice as likely to die of heart disease as type B people, who are relaxed and willing to take life as it comes, he said.

"Type A is now generally regarded as a (heart disease) risk factor of about the same magnitude as the traditional ones of cholesterol, hypertension (high blood pressure) and cigarette smoking," Williams told the writers Tuesday.

The research involved a measure of hostility included in the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, a widely used personality profile.

A Duke University of North Carolina study of 255 physicians who took the test as medical students 25 years ago found a death rate of 3 percent among those with hostility scores in the lower 50 percent, Williams said.

"By contrast, those who scored higher had almost a 15 percent mortality rate over 25 years... from all causes," he said. The incidence of heart disease was five times higher among the hostile group.

A seven-year study of patients at Duke University medical center found those with high hostility scores had more severe coronary artery disease than low scorers, Williams said.

These relationships, he said, are independent of other risk factors.

Top U.S. arms negotiators resign

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (R) — President Ronald Reagan, making what he called necessary changes in his arms control team, has swept aside the two top men responsible for negotiating arms reductions with the Soviet Union.

Eugene Rostow, director of the embattled Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), resigned Wednesday under fire from the White House and conservatives who considered him too soft in dealing with Moscow.

Richard Starr, Rostow's key assistant who headed talks on reducing ground forces in Europe, also quit amid reports he had made unauthorized statements and behaved erratically.

Reagan named deputy U.N. Ambassador Kenneth Adelman to head ACDA. He also announced he had chosen former congressman David Emery to fill the number two post in the agency, overriding Rostow's nomination of Robert Grey.

The shake-up comes as vice-president George Bush prepares for a seven-nation European trip to reassure U.S. allies that Reagan is committed to genuine arms reductions. But some analysts said NATO might see the changes as signs of confusion in the administration's policies on nuclear disarmament.

Spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan believed the changes would "enable the process to move forward unimpeded toward the goal we all seek — true arms reduction."

Adelman, the man replacing the 69-year-old Rostow, has served in the Defense Department and also for ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick at the United Nations, where he has taken a hard-line on many issues involving the Soviet Union. But he is not known as an arms control expert.

Warsaw expels UPI journalist

WARSAW, Jan. 13 (R) — Polish authorities have expelled the Warsaw correspondent of the U.S. news agency United Press International (UPI) after accusing her of collecting espionage materials.

The announcement that Ruth Gruber, one of the longest-serving of the foreign correspondents now working in Poland, was being expelled was made Wednesday. The move increased concern among Western reporters here that the authorities may tighten restrictions on foreign journalists.

Gruber, who spent 23 hours in detention before being freed just before the announcement, was not told personally about the expulsion and did not know when she would have to leave. She was asked to go to the foreign ministry Thursday morning.

State television Wednesday night showed photographs it said were in a package addressed to her from Gdansk and which showed military installations. Gruber said she knew nothing about the pictures.

In New York, UPI foreign editor Paul Varian denied that Gruber had been engaged in espionage activities. "I can say very unequivocally that Ruth Gruber was not involved in any intelligence activities," he said, adding, "we can't ignore the theory that this whole might have been a setup but we can't prove it."

It was the first case of detention followed by expulsion of a foreign correspondent in recent years.

One sign of a tougher line against the foreign press in Poland came last week when the correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) was forced to leave after his accreditation was not renewed.

Walesa to resume job at shipyard

WARSAW, Jan. 13 (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity free trade union, said Thursday he would return to Gdansk's Lenin Shipyard Friday intending to resume his job as an electrician.

It would be the trade union leader's first visit to the shipyards, where Solidarity was born in 1980, since his interment when the military took over and suspended the union in December, 1981. He was released from interment last November.

Walesa said in a statement, read to Reuters by an aide at his Gdansk home: "I am returning to where I came from, to the cradle of Solidarity, convinced that at this time my place is with those who showed confidence in me."

Walesa, 39, had given no clear indication exactly what he intended to do after his release from interment, but had told reporters he would take a holiday until mid-February.

The Polish authorities have said he is to be treated as just another private citizen. His attempt to address a rally of workers Dec. 16 was foiled when police picked him up at his home and drove him around in a car all day.

He repeated in his statement Thursday his intention to continue fighting for the principles of his union, which had 9.5 million members and was the first independent labor union formed in the Communist bloc.

He pledged Solidarity "with all my colleagues, especially with those imprisoned or deprived of work, with all those who have remained faithful to our idea."

"I intend to struggle by peaceful means for the realization of the common goals of the working people expressed in the agreements of Gdansk, Szczecin and Jastrzebie," he said.

The agreements, signed after worker unrest throughout Poland in the summer of



Lech Walesa
1980, opened the way for Solidarity and the liberalizing period that ended with martial law.

Soviets back PLO link with Jordan

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Thursday the Kremlin had given its approval to the idea of a confederation between a future Palestinian state and Jordan.

He told a news conference after talks with Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko he had been assured of continued Soviet backing for the PLO.

Arafat arrived in Moscow after two days of talks in Jordan with King Hussein on ways to a Middle East settlement, including the possibility of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

President Reagan's peace plan, which has been denounced by Moscow, also calls for a Palestinian homeland associated with Jordan.

Asked if Moscow backed what the PLO sought in its talks with Jordan, Arafat said Soviet leaders told him they would assent to anything that the Palestinian people themselves would accept.

This would include a possible future confederation between an independent Palestinian state and Jordan, Arafat said.

He said he briefed the Soviet leaders on his Jordan talks and on the Palestinian and Jordanian view that any confederation should be approved by a referendum of both peoples involved.

Rabat parley set

RABAT, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Committee of Seven, formed by the Arab League to explain its Middle East peace plan to the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, will begin a two-day meeting in Rabat Jan. 21.

Morocco's King Hassan II will preside over the meeting that is being held in preparation for the committee's Feb. 7 trip to London.

The London trip originally was scheduled for December, but was canceled after British officials refused to receive the committee's Palestine Liberation Organization representative.

The trip was rescheduled after the PLO delegate was replaced by a West Bank mayor as the official representative of the Palestinians.

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Jumblatt appreciates Kingdom's role in Lebanon

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Jumblatt left here Thursday for Amman after a four-day visit during which he had an audience with King Fahd and met with a number of Saudi Arabian officials.

In an interview with *Al-Riyadh* Jumblatt expressed appreciation for Saudi Arabia's role in dealing with the Lebanese crisis resulting from the Israeli invasion of the country. He also praised King Fahd's appeal to the Lebanese people to put an end to their differences and direct their attention to the danger facing them, namely Israel's occupation of Lebanon.

The PSP leader noted that the Kingdom enjoyed a prominent Arab and international position and played an important role during the latest crisis.

"Accordingly, we consider the Kingdom a basic factor in helping Lebanon regain its independence and stability," he said.

Jumblatt remarked that his visit to the Kingdom was designed to explain the serious situation in Lebanon and discuss ways of solving the Lebanese crisis.

Saud, Algerian official confer

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met Thursday with the Director-General of the Algerian Foreign Ministry Abdul Oadir ibn Gassim.

Prince Saud declared after the meeting that they discussed bilateral relations and the preparation for a joint committee agreed upon during the visit of King Fahd to Algeria last November. The first meeting of this committee is expected to take place in March.

During the meeting the general Arab, regional and international issues especially the Palestinian question were discussed. Prince Saud declared that the seven-man committee formed by the Fez summit will meet in Morocco Jan. 21 to review the results of its activities after its visit to Washington, Peking, Paris and Moscow.



SAUDI PAINTINGS EXHIBITED: The artwork of a number of young Saudi Arabian artists was unveiled in Jeddah Wednesday night during an opening ceremony presided over by Brigadier General Said Yousef Amin at the Tag Arts Saudi Gallery. The exhibition will remain open through Jan. 22. Shown here touring the exhibition, third, fourth and fifth from the left, Abdul Rahman Al-Tunisi, manager of the Thagar Schools in Jeddah, Brigadier General Amin, and Dr. Abdul Haleem Rawdi, head of the Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts.

German minister arrives Jan. 18

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff



Dr. Schwarz-Schilling

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — West German Minister of Post and Telecommunications Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling will arrive in Riyadh on Jan. 18 in response to an invitation by the Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephone Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal.

Dr. Schwarz-Schilling will be accompanied by a team of officials and journalists from West Germany, according to Muntred Unger, commercial consul here.

Before becoming minister last year, Dr. Schwarz-Schilling was chairman of the German Bundestag's Commission of Enquiry into "New Information and Communications Technologies"; chairman of the Christian Democratic Union/CSU group in the Committee on Economic Affairs; and president of the executive committee of the European Independent Business Confederation (EIBC).

During his stay the minister will have talks with Kayyal on subjects of mutual interest.

Canadian minister leaves, follow up committee set

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Canadian Minister for International Trade Gerald Regan left here Thursday for Abu Dhabi after four-day visit to the Kingdom.

The minister, who met King Fahd and a number of ministers in the economic sector, expressed his pleasure on the outcome of his trip. He added that the cooperation between the Kingdom and Canada is mounting. Regan

Minister predicts against tremors in Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — None of the Kingdom's cities are exposed to tremors like that in Dhamar region in North Yemen, according to Dr. Muhammad Abdul Yamani, information minister, who spoke to *Okaz* here Thursday in his capacity as a geologist. Dr. Yamani said there is no evidence that the Kingdom and particularly Jeddah is going to suffer such earthquakes. Moreover, all the natural symptoms indicate that such a possibility is not expected.

Dr. Yamani went on to say that although scientific equipment can not predict tremors in advance, studies can indicate the possibilities of such tremors taking place in specific places. Dr. Yamani, who obtained his Ph.D. in geology and was rector of the King Abdul Aziz University here added that although some parts in the Kingdom, especially those close to the Red Sea, are known to be geologically 'torn or weak regions', this does not justify the belief that this area has earthquake potential.

Canadian minister leaves, follow up committee set

said this fact is reflected in the growing of the volume of trade between the two countries. He pointed to the participation of the Canadian expertise in the Kingdom's development projects.

The minister concluded that arrangements have been made to form follow-up committees and specialized delegations in the areas of transportation, aviation and communications.

The minister was seen off at the airport by Commerce Minister Dr. Saliman Salamin.

Nazer emphasizes free trade, calls oil surplus 'aberration'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer has stressed the importance of free trade and warned against impediments on free trade which he said could lead to disaster.

Addressing a seminar organized by the American National Foreign Trade Council, Nazer cautioned against the threat to free trade posed by short-sighted policy.

"The present so-called oil surplus is just an aberration which should not blind us to the greater catastrophic dangers that compulsory depletion will impose," he said.

Nazer said "We are only planning to fulfill five to six percent of world demand for petrochemicals and in this respect we want the U.S. to pursue a policy of realism."

He added that the U.S. and other Western countries should give up comparative advantages in certain areas and acquire them in other areas.



Hisham Nazer

Society lets SR80m contract

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — SR80 million has been awarded to a national company to build a home for handicapped children here.

The decision was made at the meeting of the Handicapped Children's Society, which is headed by acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Aljogaihi. The committee, in its meeting here Wednesday evening, reviewed the bidders and selected the winner, who should finish the project in 24 months.

The home will be built on 45,000 square meters and divided into two sections. The

northern part will include the house itself, three main sections for treatment, education and activities, plus six houses to accommodate the children with the necessary equipment needed for their welfare.

The southern section is allocated for employees, doctors, nurses, teachers and the supporting administrative staff. All facilities are intended to help alleviate pressure on the general hospital and provide service to the needy.

Airline representatives to discuss illegal practices like price-cutting

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — More than 50 representative of international airlines operating in the Kingdom and a member of the International Aviation Transportation Association (IATA) will meet here Jan. 23 at a request from the Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia).

The meeting, which will be presided over by Capt. Ahmad Mattar, head of Saudia will

discuss illegal practices like price undercutting and its impact on revenues and services provided to the passengers.

During the meeting the permanent coordination between these companies along their council which was established in 1970 will be discussed. In the last IATA conference held in Geneva last year, Saudia adopted a firm stand on the price cutting issue.

Saudia operating performance up in previous year, 93.9% for departing aircraft, 90.7% for incoming

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Operating performance for departing Saudi Arabian Airline (Saudia) aircraft in 1982 was 93.9 percent against 86.44 percent in the year before. For incoming aircraft the percentage is 88.4 percent against 80.26 percent in 1981. Last month alone departing trips registered an operating performance of 93.4 percent while the arriving aircraft percentage was 90.7 percent.

Last year's performance was better than in previous years. Dhahran was selected number one station between the three main stations, for its performance amounted to 94

percent, followed by Jeddah 92.8 percent and Riyadh in third place at 92.4 percent.

As for the domestic stations, six have got first place. Baha, Qaisoumah, Wedjeh, Ar'ar, Rafha and Yanbu. They are followed by Madinah which achieved the second place at 99.8 percent, then Bisha at 98.1 in the third place.

On the international level 11 stations won first place at 100 percent. These stations are Abu Dhabi, Rome, Doha, Dubai, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Madrid, Muscat, Mogadishu and Sharjah.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Friday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:36	5:43	5:14	5:04	5:29	6:02
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:31	12:02	11:49	12:13	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:37	3:33	3:04	2:48	3:13	3:39
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:59	5:55	5:26	5:09	5:34	5:59
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U.S. expects reply by March

Hussein holds key to peace talks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — The United States expects to know by early March if Jordan's King Hussein will enter Middle East peace talks with Israel.

"We still expect he has work to do," said one U.S. official about Hussein's return to rally other Arab governments and the Palestine Liberation Organization behind him.

In the meantime, the administration has set no date for a summit with the king, nor has U.S. President Ronald Reagan, nor for White House talks with Jordan's Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Begin was reportedly expected here early in the year. But unless there is headway on reopening the peace talks, his visit may be set back, officials said.

Originally, the Israeli leader was to have met with Reagan last November, but the death of Begin's wife caused a postponement. "A visit in early February is unlikely, but it

remains under discussion," an official said. Hussein saw the president last month, agreeing that he would sound out other Arab leaders and then make a decision on the U.S. request that he enter the stalled peace talks over the Palestinians' future.

Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, joined with other unnamed officials in saying there were no deadlines for Hussein and Begin to visit the United States.

Hussein said in a speech Monday in Amman, Arabs must reach an agreement by March. Otherwise, he said, the United States would "have other things to occupy them and we will not be able to deal with the cause in an appropriate manner."

In an apparent reminder to the P.L.O., the king said "the possibilities of beginning anything will become difficult and the opportunity will be lost."

This echoed the assertion by Egyptian

President Hosni Mubarak, who has repeatedly called on other Arabs to follow up Reagan's initiative. Mubarak says the Arabs should move because of the 1984 U.S. presidential elections. Egyptian officials complained that the 1980 elections brought U.S. policy in the Middle East to a standstill for months.

Reagan has proposed self-rule but not statehood for the 1.5 million Palestinians now living under Israeli rule. Their homeland would be "in association" with Jordan.

The king's return here, and his decision on U.S. overtures to join the peace talks, depend on development in Lebanon as well as his consultations with other Arab leaders. U.S. officials said.

Progress on a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon would be viewed positively, and it would be a factor in their decision-making," said one official, who asked not to be identified.

U.N. may reject Beirut's plea on UNIFIL role

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 13 (AP) — Lebanon's suggestion for an expanded U.N. peacekeeping role in that war-torn country stands little chance of approval when the Security Council meets next week, council sources said.

In the face of reservations by the Soviet Union and troop-contributing countries, Lebanon may not even get its request for a six-month extension of the 7,000-man force's existing mandate, according to the sources.

One non-Western diplomat predicted a more limited extension, perhaps of only two months.

Rather than expanding, the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is in danger of contracting. Nigeria, one of the principal troop contributors, has served notice it plans to withdraw its more than 600 soldiers when UNIFIL's current three-month mandate

expires next Wednesday.

The 15-nation council must meet before then to decide on UNIFIL's future.

UNIFIL has been attempting to defuse the southern frontier since March 1978. After being overrun during last June's Israeli invasion, UNIFIL's mandate has been kept alive for only two or three months at a time. Before then, it usually received six-month extensions.

U.N. Undersecretary-General Brian Urquhart, chief of peacekeeping operations, has just returned from a five-day fact-finding mission to Lebanon, Syria and Israel. He is preparing a report for secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar who is expected to make his recommendations to the council Friday.

With Israeli-Lebanese talks on withdrawal of foreign troops in a stalemate, American and other council members cite the complex-

ities of the Lebanese crisis and time limitations as ruling out council approval of a wide-area of UNIFIL operations.

Israel would be sure to object since it long has viewed the 11-nation force as an ineffective deterrent to infiltration by Palestinian commandos and would not mind seeing it disbanded.

Contributors are Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Ireland, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Italy and Sweden.

In suggesting the possibility of expanded UNIFIL role, Lebanon did not specify how far northward the proposed new area of operations should extend toward Beirut.

Lebanese Ambassador Fakhri Saghiyyah has said that, while there had been a "preliminary exchange of ideas" on the enhancement of UNIFIL, his government had made no formal request to the Security Council.

Turkey faces expulsion threat from Council of Europe

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP) — The political affairs committee of the Council of Europe parliamentary assembly decided Wednesday "to give serious consideration" to seeking to expel Turkey from the 21-nation body if it does not soon "move toward full restoration of democracy and human rights."

As an interim move, the committee drafted a resolution for the next assembly session Jan. 26 asking Turkey to voluntarily abstain from voting at meetings of the council of ministers.

Turkey was given no deadline by the committee for moves toward democracy, but British Socialist Tom Urwin, president of the political affairs committee, told a press conference "the ball is now in our court" on what

to do about its continued membership. It is the assembly which must make a recommendation to the council of ministers on whether or not to expel Turkey. Urwin indicated it could be several assembly sessions before a decision is reached.

The draft resolution was the product of studies done by the council's legal and political affairs committees. These included the opinions of three legal experts appointed to study the democratic merits of the new Turkish constitution. One member of each committee went to Turkey last month to observe the referendum which adopted the constitution by 90 percent majority.

In another development the president of Turkey's Writers' Union Wednesday

rejected prosecution charges of criminal activity by 18 leaders of the union.

The writers went on trial a week ago at a martial law court in Istanbul on charges of advocating a Communist regime in Turkey.

Aziz Nesin, president of the union and one of Turkey's most prominent authors, told the court that all activities of the union were aboveboard and public, ruling out any criminal intent by the membership.

The writers union was established in 1974 by Turkish writers led by Yasar Kemal, the renowned Turkish novelist who has been a candidate for the Nobel literature prize in the past 10 years. Kemal is not on trial.

The defendants face prison sentences of eight to 15 years if convicted.

Arming Iran ominous for Gulf -- Chirac

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 13 (R) — The Mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, said he had told U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar it would be dangerous for the Gulf states if military aid to Iran enabled its forces to defeat Iraq.

Chirac was speaking to reporters after a courtesy call on the U.N. chief during which he said they discussed Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Namibia (South-west Africa) and Poland.

Another topic, he said, was the Gulf war and the consequences if Iraq encountered serious military problems.

Replying to question about the Gulf fighting, Chirac, speaking in English, said: "I said to the secretary-general... if Iran was helped too much on the military point of view... to succeed in its will of taking Baghdad, it would be very, very dangerous for all that part of the world."

He said the capture of Baghdad would mean nothing could stop the push of the extremism of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

"This would be very worrying for all the countries around the Gulf, all the Arab countries. And this could only help, in fact, the Soviet Union's policy," Chirac said.

Chirac, who did not specify which countries might be giving military assistance to Iran, said he had expressed the hope that "Iraq can resist that push of Iran."

The mayor said he had a breakfast meeting Wednesday with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and discussed Middle East and European problems, especially those affecting European defense.

Meanwhile Baghdad radio said Iraqi war planes shot down an Iranian jet and a drone Wednesday in a dogfight over the southern sector of the battlefield between the two countries.

The radio, quoting a military communiqué, said the two planes were observed exploding in the air and crashing in the same area.

This was the same area where Iraqi troops claimed they have shot down an Iranian jet last Monday. Tuesday, Iraq said its war planes flew 80 bombing missions against Iranian targets and troop concentrations, scoring direct hits, while Iran said the Iraqi jets were forced to flee.

The latest air activity was the third reported by Iraq against the Iranians in three consecutive days and the sixth within a week in the same southern fronts.

The stepped up aerial action comes in the wake of recent Iraqi reports that the Iranians were massing troops in the southern and central sectors of the war zone for a fresh major offensive against Iraq.

The Iranians themselves have stressed that they intend to make a final thrust into Iraq to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime.

Baghdad radio said the Iranians shelled Basra, Khanaqain and Zubair, causing "some damage."

Gemayel, Hussein meeting likely

BEIRUT, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel may visit Jordan Sunday for talks with King Hussein on latest developments in Lebanon and other parts of the Middle East, it was reported here.

The Central News Agency said diplomatic moves were underway to prepare for the visit during which the president would be accompanied by Foreign Minister Elie Salem.

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FANA meeting concludes

Arab media to step up anti-Zionist campaign

DAMASCUS, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Federation of Arab News Agencies ended a three-day conference here Thursday with a resolution supporting the activities and the expansion of the Palestine news agency Wafa and approving a "Week for Lebanon."

The conference earlier elected Saber Falhout, director of the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA), as president of the 17-member of the federation and Farid Ayyar of Iraq as secretary general.

Jordan, Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates boycotted the meeting, but were represented by their local representatives who did not have voting rights.

The federation decided to convene its "technical committee" to assess the possibility of linking the Arab news agencies and the creation of a modern, unified Arab news agency, according to a statement.

The statement added that the conference also decided to hold a round table meeting with British editors "to discuss best ways of having Arab news printed in the British press."

The Arab League secretariat will invite managers and journalists from several foreign news agencies "in order to arrange for

international exchange of films, photos and news," the statement said.

Several decisions were taken concerning training programs to form Arab specialists in the field of news agencies.

At the level of the joint Arab-Latin American conference at the level of the directors, it was decided to hold this conference in Tangiers, Morocco, to finalize the process of linking the "Tangiers Center for Collecting Arab News" through a special line to Rome, and from there to the Latin American center in Mexico to start the news exchange before the end of 1983.

But conferences sources said that some financial problems concerning this issue remained unresolved.

An Arab information delegation will visit Western European news agencies "to study their attitudes toward the Israeli invasion of Lebanon." It was also decided to support and develop the "Mauritanian National News Agency."

A conference of the directors of Arab and Asian news agencies will take place between 21-24 February and the secretariat was asked to prepare the agenda of that conference.

Palestinians split over Reagan plan

KUWAIT, Jan. 13 (AP) — A dissident member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah leadership was quoted Thursday as saying that there was "a widening rift" within the PLO over the Arab-Israeli peace proposals of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Nimr Saleh, one of four Fatah central committee members who boycotted Arafat's policy meetings in Kuwait last week, was also quoted as calling for an alliance with Moscow and characterizing all Arab countries as "reactionary," except for Syria. South Yemen and Libya.

Saleh, speaking in an interview with the

Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Wakeel*, said he has been assured by Syrian President Hafez Assad of "consolidation to protect the PLO from attempts at forcing it to abandon the military option" against Israel.

He said he has been asked by Assad to "keep this agreement secret," asserting that Syria has become "capable of defeating Israel militarily on its own once a firm political decision is taken."

Nimr criticized Arafat for "not fulfilling so far a promise he has made since September to publicly reject Reagan's proposals," which provide for Palestinian self government in association with Jordan.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (SPA) — The Palestine commando movement announced responsibility for Tuesday's explosion at a police post in occupied Jerusalem.

KUWAIT, (R) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Wednesday held talks with the speaker of the Cuban National Assembly, Felavio Bravo, on cooperation between Kuwait and Cuba.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Heavy snow hampered relief operations in quake-hit northern Afghanistan where the death toll has now passed the 700 mark, mainly due to lack of medicines and food. Afghan resistance sources said.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Visiting Iraqi Oil Minister Qasim Taji held discussions Wednesday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Energy Minister Shivshankar, a government spokesman reported.

AMMAN, (AFP) — Muhammad Melhem, the mayor of the occupied West Bank town of Halhul who was expelled by Israel in 1980, denied Thursday that he had been asked to replace a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) delegate on an Arab League panel that may visit London. In an interview Melhem denied reports that he had been asked to be the Arab League committee of seven's Palestinian representative.

VIENNA, (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has appointed Dhaud Barakat its new representative to Vienna, the Austrian new agency APA reported Wednesday.

NAIROBI, (AFP) — Six Somali troops were killed in a surprise attack by Ethiopian-based Somali rebels last weekend, according to the rebel radio Hagan monitored here Thursday.

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Flies to see injured wife

Commander's revolt ends in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 13 (AP) — President Alvaro Magana announced an abrupt end Wednesday to a military crisis shaking El Salvador after a rebellious military commander flew to the capital to see his injured wife, then disappeared from public view.

Magana told a news conference the mutiny of Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez was resolved and the officer had abandoned his post as ordered. The announcement came shortly after Ochoa, who rebelled against the army high command and the defense minister last week, flew to San Salvador from Sensuntepeque in Cabañas province on hearing reports that his wife was injured in a car crash. But it was not immediately clear whether Ochoa had talked to Magana or whether Ochoa was still in the capital. The circumstances of the car crash and Ochoa's trip to the capital remained unclear.

Ochoa's son Sigifredo, interviewed at the family's home here, said his father was last seen leaving a San Salvador military hospital after visiting Mrs. Ochoa, who broke a leg earlier in the day in a car crash. The colonel

was accompanied by heavily armed members of the air force, whose commander was one of the few military leaders to avoid condemning the colonel's mutiny and call for the resignation of Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia.

Magana told a news conference that the order for Ochoa to abandon his post has been carried out "because Ochoa is no longer in Cabañas," a province 80 kms northeast of San Salvador. But he said Ochoa would not go to Uruguay as a military attaché as ordered by Garcia "for reasons independent of this problem." He said Ochoa was not under arrest, but did not say where Ochoa was.

A spokesman at the military hospital said Ochoa arrived earlier in the day to visit his wife. It was first confirmation that Ochoa was in the capital. Ochoa's aide in Sensuntepeque, Maj. Roberto Rodriguez Sosa, told the Associated Press he was not certain the dissident colonel would meet with Garcia or other officers.

Anti-Castro group claims bombings

MIAMI, Jan. 13 (AP) — The anti-Castro terrorist group Omega 7 claimed responsibility Wednesday for the midnight bombings of a Little Havana cigar factory and a travel agency that books trips to Cuba.

A bomb was defused at a third building, according to police and fire officials who scrambled through Miami's Cuban district after receiving threats concerning the three buildings. No injuries were reported and police made no arrests. A Spanish-language radio station was directed to a note saying Omega 7 had placed the explosives.

Authorities received at least three more threats after the bombings just before midnight Tuesday, but found no explosives. The first explosion caused minor damage at the

Paris to expand fuel reprocessing

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP) — One day after anti-nuclear activists chained themselves to railroad tracks in the path of a trainload of spent nuclear fuel, a government commission Wednesday recommended that France step up its nuclear fuel reprocessing operations.

Energy Minister Edmond Herve told a news conference that the expansion of commercial reprocessing was not irreversible and that study groups had been set up to examine safety and security questions. But the move doubtless will enrage France's small, extremely active, anti-nuclear energy and ecology movement.

The unloading of a 24 tons of spent Japanese nuclear fuel at Cherbourg on Tuesday

had become the center of a full week of demonstrations and non-violent guerrilla tactics by French activists and the international ecology organization Greenpeace. The Greenpeace ship *Sirius* was immobilized, impounded and towed to a military harbor under armed guard Friday after French maritime police used tear gas grenades to prevent it from blocking a special slip used to unload radioactive material.

Material from the slip is then shipped by train to a giant plant at nearby La Hague where it is reprocessed for clients at a fee. It is also where France treats the spent fuel from its ambitious nuclear energy program.

Border guards foil escape by Estonians

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 13 (AP) — Three escape attempts by Estonians to flee the Soviet Union following a new Russian suppression drive, were foiled last year by Soviet and Finnish authorities, a reliable Estonian opposition source said here Wednesday.

In the latest known incident, four Estonians were intercepted in international waters by a Soviet naval ship when they tried to escape on a raft last August, said Ants Kipper, who monitors the developments in the Baltic states. "All four are imprisoned in the central prison of Tallin (capital of Estonia), pending trial," Kipper said. "Most likely, they will be charged in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Soviet-Estonian Criminal Code, making it illegal to leave the Soviet Union," Kipper added. If convicted, they face a term of three years in prison, he added.

The escape attempt, the third known last year, reflects a hardened political climate in Estonia. "Since the Olympic Games in 1980, the situation in Estonia has steadily deteriorated. And further so after Andropov took power. There are KGB people all over the place and house searches and interrogations are commonplace," he added.

Yuri Andropov, the former chief of the Soviet Secret Police (KGB), succeeded deceased Secretary-General Leonid Brezhnev last year.

In another incident at about the same time, Hiljar Pruusild, a worker, managed to sneak past the Soviet guards and into Finnish territory in the province of Karelia. "But the Finnish border guards handed him back to the Soviets," Kipper said.

Vello Veermou, a painter, was arrested by Soviet border guards last Nov. 23 on the Soviet side of the border. Veermou like Pruusild, was also imprisoned in Tallin, pending trial, Kipper said.

Lima heat wave kills 17 children

LIMA, Jan. 13 (AP) — A two-week heat wave has killed at least 17 children in Lima and sent more than 2,700 others to hospitals for treatment, health officials said Wednesday. Temperatures have been exceeding 80 degrees Fahrenheit (31C).

The Health Ministry said children's hospital in the Peruvian capital diagnosed the cause of death as dehydration and said most of the victims were children from slums on Lima's outskirts where there is a shortage of running water. The Health Ministry also reported several cases of dysentery caused by decomposing garbage and tainted meat sold by street vendors. It said an unspecified number of cases of typhoid had been reported due to impure drinking water.

African National Congress to recruit more whites

HARARE, Jan. 13 (AP) — The main guerrilla group trying to end white-minority rule in South Africa wants to recruit more whites, says a top official of the African National Congress.

Johany Makatini, the ANC representative at the United Nations, discussed the direction of the ANC during an interview Wednesday at the annual African-American Institute conference here this week.

The ANC, banned in South Africa, is the main organization trying to overthrow the government and win black-majority rule. The organization wages sabotage attacks against military and security installations, avoiding civilian targets. Asked to identify the immediate goals of the ANC, Makatini said, "it was mobilization of the entire nation, particularly across the color line. 'We feel the time has come for us to make a special effort to increase the numbers of whites joining the movement, and increase the numbers of whites refusing to take up arms in defense of a system that is a crime against humanity,'" he said.

Makatini considered a major force in the organization, acknowledged there is debate within the ANC on increasing white membership, especially by militant young blacks. He said most ANC members had passed through an "anti-white" phase. "We identified white pigmentation with the oppression, the atrocities, the exploitation, and we hated it," he said. "But political awareness implies recognition of the need to extend the hand of

solidarity."

He said the ANC had been open to anyone seeking equal rights for all South Africans throughout its 71-year history. The group abandoned non-violence in 1961, and a number of whites have been active in the organization both before and after that date. The transition of white-ruled Rhodesia to black-majority-ruled Zimbabwe in 1980 was "further encouragement" for a non-racial approach in South Africa, Makatini said. "They are dealing with 220,000 whites here. You can't wish them away. And you can't wish away four and a half million," the number of whites in South Africa compared with nearly 21 million blacks.

Makatini said the ANC had no relations with the smaller Pan-Africanist Congress, a rival spinoff group that excludes whites. "We think the time has come for them to fold up," he added. "They failed in what they broke away to do — it was to overthrow the ANC and bring about independence in South Africa by Dec. 31, 1963. That was their slogan. To drive whites into the sea. We maintain that South Africa belongs to all. So there can be no understanding on that point."

Makatini said there was no dispute within the ANC on continuing to receive support from the Soviet Union. He said, "Those who may be a victim of anti-Soviet propaganda end up realizing that, as was the case in the struggle in Vietnam, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and elsewhere, the Soviet Union is on the side of justice."

British rule to end in Brunei next Jan. 1

SINGAPORE, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The final countdown to the end of nearly 100 years of British protection has begun as the tiny Sultanate of Brunei moves somewhat reluctantly toward full independence at the end of the year.

Under the 1979 Friendship and Cooperation Treaty, Britain will relinquish its last remaining responsibilities — for defense and external affairs — and the little enclave wedged into the East Malaysian state of Sarawak on the island of Borneo will become independent next Jan. 1. Brunei may have some political qualms about going it alone but money is certainly no problem. Since the British Malayan Petroleum Company made the first strike in 1929, oil has been gushing from the offshore wells, making the sultanate the second biggest oil producer in Southeast Asia after Indonesia.

Brunei also has one of the world's biggest liquefied natural gas plants at Lumut, which pumps some five million tons a year. All of it is sent to Japan to bring in more petrodollars.

The gas and oil, limited to about 175,000 barrels a day and produced by Brunei Shell Petroleum Company, a British-run venture half owned by the state, provide much of Brunei's multimillion-dollar-a-day income. The sultanate has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, recently esti-

mated at around \$22,000 a year.

With an estimated \$11,000 million consolidated reserves at the end of last year and another huge budget surplus forecast, Brunei's only real problem is how to spend its money. There is no personal income tax for the nearly 200,000 residents (15,000 nationals and 50,000 foreigners). Medical care and education are free and petrol for the nearly 40,000 cars costs only \$1 gallon, even after being sent 1,300 kilometers to Singapore to be refined and returned.

The sultanate is going through a building boom, including a new international airport, port expansion and a magnificent new palace for the sultan, likely to cost more than \$250 million. In charge of spending much of Brunei's wealth is the state financial officer, Pehin (Lord) John Lee, an ex-colonial service man who in an interview with the *Asia Magazine* once admitted that it was just impossible to spend all the money he had.

At the head of this oil-rich state is the 36-year-old, Sandhurst-educated 29th sultan, Sir Muzlan Hassanul Bulukiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, whose family has been on the throne for more than 400 years.

It will be the young sultan who decides Brunei's future, when the British flag finally comes down. Today, his power is absolute and he has apparently no intention of relinquishing it, continuing to rule through a council

of nobles.

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Bantu civilization center started

LIBREVILLE, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The establishment here last weekend of an international center for Bantu civilization (ICBC) marks the beginning of a "major cultural policy without which no human advance or development is possible," in the words of Gabonese head of state Omar Bongo, the driving force behind the idea.

Opening the conference of ministers of culture which agreed to set up the center Jan. 7, President Bongo stressed the importance which Africa attached to affirming its cultural identity, to "make history instead of being subjected to it," and to "recover from the shock of colonialism."

The Bantu ethnic region is inhabited by some 150 million people, covering 22 countries. It stretches from Nigeria in the west to the Comoros Islands in the east, passing through Zaïre, Angola, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. The diversity of the languages of the colonists — French, English, Portuguese and Spanish — and of their political systems contributed for a long time to the cultural separation of these countries. The main objective of the ICBC is to help them to come together again.

For President Bongo, economic cooperation and the emergence of an African common market are inextricably linked with rational cultural development.

"What will give our peoples their identity and cohesion can only be found in the values revealed in our civilization and common history. The history and tradition which the colonial power has imposed on Africa must be broken," he said. It is only through awareness of its cultural identity that black Africa can one day realize political unity and face up to external threats "from wherever they might come," President Bongo said. He criticized "economic power from abroad" which "under the pretence of inevitable world crises makes us pay dearly for our political independence."

Observers here said that such sentiments could only find an echo in other leaders of Bantu-populated states. Eight of them — Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Zaïre and Zambia, as well as Gabon — have already signed the convention setting up the ICBC.

Under this convention, the center will have the essential function of "preserving and conserving the authentic values of the Bantu civilization in all sectors of activity and research, including ethnology, literature, traditional medicine, pharmacology, music, painting, architecture, political science and philosophy."

The center will cooperate with other African and international institutions of a cultural, educational and scientific character. It will also seek to promote studies on Bantu culture, give training and information to teachers, artists, researchers and producers of cultural events and organize meetings and cultural exchanges.

The heart of the ICBC, and its main reason for existence, will be a data bank to centralize the mass of information on Bantu civilization.

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Unveils 5-point plan

Japan move to avert trade war

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (R) — Japan unveiled a five-point plan Thursday to ease trade friction with the U.S. and the European Economic Community but officials said its effect would not be known until a series of complicated import laws had been resolved.

The package announced by the government includes measures to ease import restrictions on six agricultural products, to reduce import duties on 100 other goods, to ease export controls on 100 other goods, and to ease export controls on 100 other goods.

But a foreign ministry official said a press conference on the plan would not be held until the package had been approved by the cabinet.

The U.S. and the European Community, two of Japan's most important trade partners, have been piling pressure on Tokyo to address the imbalance by opening its markets to foreign goods.

Officials said the effect of the package could not be fully assessed until a review of 30 laws, mainly covering product safety requirements, was completed by March 30.

Taizo Watanabe, deputy director of the foreign ministry's public information and cultural affairs bureau, told reporters: "To many foreign manufacturers import testing and certification procedures seem complex and time consuming and reinforce perceptions of a closed market." But he added: "We are focusing our attention on what is possible on a priority basis."

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, who goes to Washington next week for crucial trade talks with President Ronald Reagan, said in a statement: "These measures have been designed with the overall aim of firmly maintaining the free trading system and contributing to the revitalization of the world economy through an expansion of trade on a balanced basis."

Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe returned at the weekend from a tour of five European Community countries which warned they might take further measures to protect their industries from Japanese competition.

As the package was announced, trade and industry officials said Japan was also prepared to discuss limiting exports of video tape recorders to Europe if France lifted its tight import curbs on them.

But they predicted tough negotiations if a visiting European Community delegation

Japan spells stand on Iran project

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Japanese construction companies involved in a long-stalled Iranian-Japanese joint petrochemical project, have told Iran that they will not send workers unless their safety is assured and outstanding debts are paid, industry sources said here Thursday.

The sources said the 22 Japanese firms made their stand known to Ahmad Ahmadi, director of the multimillion-dollar project in Bandar Khomeini.

Ahmadi has been visiting Japan to seek Japanese agreement to resume construction of the project, which was suspended by the Iran-Iraq war.

The contractors have told Iran that it should first pay outstanding debts amounting to about 13 billion yen (\$56.4 million) before discussing resumption of construction work, the sources said.

British wholesale prices rise 1%

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AFP) — British wholesale prices rose one percent in December, the highest rate in 11 months, the industry ministry has announced.

Observers attributed the rise to the 12 percent depreciation of sterling since early November. The higher wholesale prices will translate into higher consumer inflation within a few months.

Wholesale prices increased only 0.5 percent in November, 0.1 percent in October and 0.4 percent in December 1980.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS				
Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Water & Agriculture Ministry	Digging & deepening 3 wells	33/1	500	Jan. 15
	Digging 4 wells	34/1	500	Jan. 15
Interior Ministry, Civil Defense Department	Retraining of civil defense buildings in Tad & Mawiyah	32	500	Jan. 25
Khaffi Municipality	Agricultural & lighting maintenance	—	1,000	Feb. 5
Buraiki Municipality	To drain village water	200	—	Jan. 29

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1.	Zama Maru	A.E.T.	Vehicles	13.1.83
2.	Caribbean Ltd.	Star	Loading	1.1.83
3.	Maddive Jade	O. Trade	Timber/General	11.1.83
4.	Apollon	Al. Trade	Barley/Gen.	10.1.83
5.	Mayflower	S.F.T.C.	Dum/Melon	30.12.82
6.	Three Star	Star	Timber/Steel/Gen.	6.1.83
7.	Selene 'G'	Banadeh	Sugar	5.1.83
8.	Vasiliki	Star	Gen./Contra.	8.1.83
9.	Franchise	M.E.S.A.	Steel/Trucks/Gen.	8.1.83
10.	Savari Enterprise	S.S.P.C.	Timber/Gen.	6.1.83
11.	Pontoon	S.S.P.C.	Timber/Gen.	6.1.83
12.	Pontoon	S.S.P.C.	Timber/Gen.	6.1.83
13.	Adel	Star	Dum	8.1.83
14.	Odysses	Rolco	Bulk Cement	7.1.83
15.	Sun K&B	Alsat	Bulk Cement	5.1.83
16.	Al-Shehabia	H.S.S.O.	Timber/Gen.	4.1.83
17.	Gemini Pioneer	Alsat	Barley	29.12.82
18.	Interprik	Star	Barley	2.1.83
19.	Pollford	Star	Gen./Contra.	5.1.83
20.	Patricia-S	El. Trade	Gen./Timber/Steel	2.1.83
21.	Almar	Shobolahi	Timber/Steel	7.1.83
22.	Maddive Noble	O. Trade	Maize/Sorghum	31.12.82
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1.	Citrus Deval	Star	Bulk Wheat	11.1.83
2.	Evermore Clark	Star	General	12.1.83
3.	Sanjana Bay	Gen./Steel	General	11.1.83
4.	APJ Piri	OCE	Gen./Steel	5.1.83
5.	APJ Karan	Alsat	Gen./Fertilizer	6.1.83
6.	Hoogh Calm	Kargo	Gen./Cont.	7.1.83
7.	Luk Abadi	Santa	Sugar	3.1.83
8.	Eastern Summit	Gen./Steel	General	9.1.83
9.	Saudi Ambassador	Ori	General	11.1.83
10.	Karpos	UEP	Barley	8.1.83
11.	Prisan Mariner	Gulf	General	8.1.83
12.	Hellas Freeder	Star	Reefers	7.1.83
13.	Malta Piri	Star	Maize/Timber	6.1.83
14.	Malta Piri	Star	Gen./Cont.	4.1.83
15.	Malta Piri	Star	Reefers	6.1.83
16.	Malta Piri	Star	Bulk Barytes	1.1.83
17.	Malta Piri	Star	Rice	6.1.83

Nigerian oil output dips to 1.2m bpd

LAGOS, Jan. 13 (R) — Nigerian oil output in December slipped to about 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) from just under 1.4 million bpd in November, the second successive monthly fall in production, oil industry sources said Thursday.

The sources said the fall had not been anticipated. Earlier forecasts had suggested output would be about the same as in November, the sources said, adding that they saw no unusual factors at play.

The drop in December appeared to reflect a generally "soggy" world market suffering from a prolonged glut in which buyers, unworried about where to obtain supplies at short notice, were buying no more than they actually needed, they said.

Nigerian production was likely to drop again in January, the first month of the new quarter when buyers tend to take contractual minimums while waiting to see how the market fares.

The sources said it was still too early to say by how much output would drop, but it was possible the January figure would be closer to one million bpd.

Nigeria's official OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) production ceiling is 1.3 million bpd.

U.S. to limit IMF fund hike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan has indicated the administration of President Ronald Reagan is opposed to any increase over 50 percent in the regular lending resources of the International Monetary Fund, Regan, speaking Wednesday to the annual business outlook meeting of the Washington Post, said some nations have proposed that the IMF's resources "be doubled or even tripled" from the current total of about \$67 billion.

The treasury official said this is "a game of sophistry and rhetoric" in which a modest increase is called "inadequate and tight-fisted." He objected to pressure on the IMF "to get more money so they can loan out more money" to countries that had already borrowed too much.

Regan estimated the Third World debt at over \$500 billion, and said it had grown through excessive borrowing which must, as is true in the United States, be cut back.

In answer to a question, Regan said that an increase of 40 to 50 percent in IMF quotas — the deposits by members that are used by the IMF for loans — coupled with an increase in standby funds advanced by the leading rich nations "will be sufficient to carry us for the next five years from where I see the (world) economy going."

Earlier Regan said, The White House will not seek any new tax increases in the next two years but higher taxes may be necessary after in the next two years but higher taxes may be necessary after that to reduce federal budget deficits. "There will be no new tax increases in 1983 and 1984," Regan told a group of

Japanese cars top in reliability test

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Japanese cars are the most reliable on the British market, a survey among 20,000 motorists conducted by the No.1 consumer body "Which" showed Thursday.

As in a similar probe five years ago, motorists found that Japanese cars have fewer defective parts and are least likely to break down.

The top three models in the reliability list were the Datsun-Nissan, Sunny and Bluebird and the Honda Accord.

Sudan increases cigarette prices

KHARTOUM, Jan. 13 (AP) — Cigarette prices have been increased by 12.5 to 16.7 percent effective Wednesday night, the ministry of commerce and supply announced.

The ministry gave no reason but the move was apparently related to last November's 44 percent devaluation of the Sudanese pound.

A ministry statement said the price of imported cigarettes was raised by 12.5 percent — from 2.4 to 2.7 Sudanese pounds (\$1.83 to \$2.07) per packet of 20.

The prices of cheaper local brands have been upped by between 13.3 and 16.7 percent, the statement said.

In announcing the pound devaluation in November, Finance Minister Ibrahim Mansour said it would not lead to increases in the prices of essential commodities such as wheat, flour, sugar and medicine. But he conceded that the cost of living otherwise would rise as a result.

Mexico acts to set economy moving

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Mexican government, taking another step to get the economy moving again, announced new measures to help private companies pay foreign creditors, but said the creditors must give them more time.

Mexican companies will be able to buy dollars at a special low rate and obtain up to \$100,000 rather than the current maximum of \$5,000, the Banco de Mexico, the government central bank, said.

Pesos will be available at about 70 pesos to the dollar, well below the free market rate of 148, for debt payments, but the higher rate will apply for interest payments, the bank said Tuesday. The government wants the free market and two lower preferential rates for past debts and essential imports eventually to converge.

German steel pins hope on the '3 wise men'

BONN, Jan. 13 (R) — A trio of touring experts known as the "three wise men" will soon tell West Germany's steel industry, Europe's biggest, how to end seven years of crisis.

Their recommendations, due by mid-month, could transform the industry. The three, Marcus Bierich of the Allianz insurance group, Guenther Vogelsang of the Veba Oil firm and Alfred Herrhausen of Deutsche Bank, have been traveling the country since November in search of an answer.

No miracles are expected for an industry that feels it has been undermined of subsidies given to rival European Economic Community producers and undercut by rising competition from newly-industrialized countries.

The West German industry is estimated to have used up 10 billion marks (\$4.3 billion) in assets in coping in the past seven years with problems of over-capacity, duplication of production, and punishing price competition in a shrinking market. About 12,000 steel jobs disappeared in 1982 and more than half the 177,000 workforce is on short time.

The report is expected to advance radical and long-term proposals for West German steel including, according to industry pred-

Peking call to link wages with output

PEKING, Jan. 13 (R) — The Chinese government Thursday launched an attack on the existing national wage system and called for salaries to be linked to output to boost industrial efficiency.

The Workers Daily, organ of the state-controlled trade unions, said there had been some changes over the past few years to counter the influence of leftist egalitarianism but they had been insufficient.

The existing system basically paid workers the same for however much work they did and whatever their technical standards, and whether or not their company was successful or making a loss.

"This kind of system does not encourage the advanced but rewards the backward, it does not encourage hard work but rewards idleness," the paper said in a front page editorial.

It held up as a positive example a pilot scheme in a construction company where salaries were closely tied to the success or failure of the enterprise, and said wages there were much higher than average as a result.

Soviet oil price said cut to \$32

HELSINKI, Jan. 13 (R) — Representatives of Finland's state-owned oil company Neste said the Soviet Union has lowered the price for its oil deliveries. Market sources estimated the new price at somewhat below \$32 a barrel.

Neste, in line with company tradition, did not disclose the actual price. But its managing director, Jaakko Ihamuotila, told reporters after returning from talks in Moscow that the price for Soviet crude would be lowered marginally from the beginning of this month in line with international price development.

Market sources put the cut in the region of \$2 a barrel.

It was agreed at the talks in Moscow that the Soviet Union would export about eight million tons of crude to Finland this year, roughly 80 percent of the country's total imports of crude, a company spokesman said.

Damascus, Tehran view economic ties

DAVASCUS, Jan. 13 (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasm and visiting Iranian Minister of Commerce Habibollah Asgarolahi discussed ways of promoting economic and commercial relations between their two countries.

Syria and Iran signed an agreement in March last year under which Iran undertook to supply Syria annually with 8.7 million metric tons of Iranian crude oil for its local consumption.

The official Syrian news agency (SANA) said the Iranian minister had briefed Dr. Kasm on the outcome of his talks during the past two days with Syrian officials on promoting economic and commercial cooperation between Iran and Syria.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:45 p.m. Thursday		
Cash	Transfer	
Bahraini Dinar	9.14	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	75.90
Canadian Dollar	—	282.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	147.50	147.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	134.00	133.40
Egyptian Pound	3.23	3.20
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	52.10	51.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	41.40
Indian Rupee (100)	—	35.02
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	6.25
Irqi Dinar	25.90	25.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	15.30	15.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.90	9.85
Jordanian Dinar	11.95	11.95
Kuwaiti Dinar	91.80	91.50
Lebanese Lira (100)	55.50	55.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	27.00
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	37.70
Philippines Peso (100)	5.49	5.45
Pound Sterling	94.56	94.60
Qatari Rial (100)	—	166.60
Singapore Dollar (1,000)	—	27.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	179.50	179.20
Swiss Franc (100)	62.00	61.50
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.10	75.25
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	—

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Dollar rates lose ground

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The dollar eased back Thursday after the gains made on the European exchanges on the previous day. The yen and the Swiss franc made the most gains but the pound steadied at the 1.5790 levels after the surprise one percent rise in British interest rates on late Tuesday.

Once again, the Bank of England did not aggressively support sterling on the exchanges and this caused the pound to fall back slightly in still uncertain conditions for the British currency. The fact that the British Conservative Party had denied the favoring of an early general election and this had helped the pound, for the exchanges had been very worried that in the event the British Labor Party took office they would devalue the pound by up to 30 percent levels.

The dollar's fall Thursday was also partly due to some easing in Eurodollar deposit rates which eased by nearly 1/16 to 1/8 percent in the shorter periods thus wiping out the gains made Wednesday. The one-month rate was quoted around 8 1/4 percent levels while the one-year rate was still traded under the 9 percent level.

Trading was thin and often volatile with the money markets still expecting to see the Federal Reserve Board reduce its discount rate. On Wednesday night, several more U.S. commercial banks brought down their prime lending rates to 11 percent levels.

The hullion markets rose sharply Thursday and once again dealers are talking about seeing a breakthrough on the gold front. Prices rose to \$489 / \$492 an ounce Thursday compared with \$482 on Wednesday.

France seeks trade balance with Soviets

PARIS, Jan. 13 (R) — President Francois Mitterrand met a Soviet deputy premier in Paris to press for action to balance Franco-Soviet trade, heavily in Moscow's favor over the past three years.

French officials played down the political implications of the visit to the Elysee Palace by Yuri Marchuk, the most senior Soviet figure to meet the president since his 1981 election. But diplomats said it corresponded to a gradual thaw in the French stance on relations with the Soviet Union.

Marchuk, chairman of the state committee of science and technology, is in Paris for a four-day annual meeting of the Franco-Soviet Joint Commission, set up in 1966 to foster commercial cooperation between the two countries.

France has become increasingly concerned over a mounting surplus in Moscow's favor as French purchases of oil and gas and other goods have not been balanced by Soviet orders. Last year Moscow registered a \$1.3 billion surplus on trade worth some \$4 billion, according to French figures, this represented about a tenth of France's overall

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cray dals and a similar paintshop strike is in progress at Boulogne Billancourt in the Paris suburbs where production has slowed.

CHICAGO, Illinois (AP) — A U.S. federal appeals court threw out a jury's \$1.8 billion antitrust award against AT & T in a suit alleging the world's largest corporation tried to monopolize the long-distance telephone market. However, the 7th U.S. circuit court of appeals upheld some of the jury's findings that American Telephone & Telegraph engaged in antitrust activities and sent the case back for retrial on the issue of damages.

KARACHI (AP) — Pakistan plans to buy a floating power station from Japan, a spokesman of the Karachi Electricity Supply Company said here Thursday. Without giving details of the deal, the spokesman said Bashir Chaudhry, managing director of electric company is in Tokyo to discuss the proposal with the parties concerned in Japan.

JAKARTA (AFP) — The British oil company Tricontrol Exploration Overseas Ltd. has acquired a share in production in the central Sumatran Mahato Mandian. It was announced here Thursday. With the approval of the state oil company Pertamina, Tricontrol took a 10 percent stake in the 50 percent share of the production sharing contract held by the U.S. Conoco firm with Pertamina in the central Sumatran Mahato Mandian zone, Pertamina said.

TOKYO (AFP) — The leading Japanese toiletries manufacturer, Kao Soap Company, announced a tie-up with Colgate-Palmolive to make and sell shampoos, hair treatments and other products in the United States. Production will start next May at the Colgate plant in New Jersey.

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It is all because you are unaware of the existence of the compass you are born with or have forgotten to use it. At least this is what three British scientists would have us believe.

The compass, they assert, is right in your nose. We should presume it is one which is free from all the defects of the centuries-old compass based on the magnetic needle which is not always accurate or easy to read and board ships and planes.

The scientists of Manchester University attribute the keen direction-finding ability of desert people to the use of the magnetism found most strongly in the bones of the sinus. Although not mentioned by them there are some other tribes also who have displayed a more than average propensity to use the compass in their noses. One group that readily comes to mind is newsmen. All of us have heard the expression "a nose for news." What directs those on the look-out for some hard news in the most inconceivable places at the most inconceivable hours except the invisible compass in their noses? Only thing is you should be on your guard against being taken for a ride by those who have more than one magnetic needle in their noses with a high capacity for mischief. Like the resourceful lady who found her way into the charmed circle of the editorial staff of the *Washington Post*, then faked a story about a non-existent juvenile drug-addict and won the coveted Pulitzer Prize for "investigative" reporting. Or those of her British counterparts who add as much spice to their columns as they cause agony to their royal family.

But what we are concerned with and excited about is the unlimited opportunities the new findings offer to the multi-national pharmaceutical companies in the West. One of them, we are sure, will be working on a pill which will increase the natural magnetism in human beings and thereby give an extra edge to their direction-finding ability.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah Thursday called on Lebanese factions to support the legitimate authorities in confronting Israel which it accused of trying to impose unfair conditions.

It said Lebanon's unity should serve as a strong fence to foil all attempts aimed at dividing the country. The paper added that the Lebanese legitimate authorities' efforts to free the country from the yoke of Israeli colonization and to re-establish control on different parts of the country would not succeed unless they were backed by all factions and sects.

Al-Bilad said King Fahd's intensive diplomatic moves to counter the "Zionist flagrant challenges" in Lebanon represented a good example of Arab unity and solidarity. It added that the Kingdom considered its support for Lebanon as a political action and that it would follow other steps to back the country.

The paper accused Israel of attempting to undermine Lebanese-Arab relations through terrorist actions and said the massacre of innocent Palestinian people at Sabra and Shatila camps in Lebanon was part of an Israeli conspiracy to damage Lebanese-Palestinian relations. "But the Lebanese people have quickly discovered the dimensions of the Israeli plot and realized the strong ties linking them to the Palestinian people," the paper said.

Al-Madina criticized the U.S. role in the current tripartite talks

on troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

The paper asked "how can the U.S. administration call for an end to the war between Lebanon and Israel before ensuring the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon."

It added that it was very strange on the part of the administration to speak about security in South Lebanon and an end to the war before it could first ensure the pull out of Israeli forces from the country. "This double-faced policy followed by the U.S. is very astonishing in view of its claims that it is seeking peace in Lebanon," the paper said.

Al-Nadwa accused the U.S. of being responsible with Israel for all problems in the Middle East and urged the Arabs to bear in mind this fact before dealing with Washington. The paper deplored the American stand at the current tripartite negotiations and accused Washington of exerting pressure on Lebanon to accept Israel's "unjust conditions without paying any attention to Lebanon's independence and sovereignty."

Al-Riyadh, deplored the deteriorating situation in the Arab world and said nobody could predict the future course of developments. The paper said the Iraqi-Iran war and the Israel-Lebanon conflict had exposed the "miserable" conditions of the Arab nation. (SPA)

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America closes eye to realities in Middle East

By Hank Rieger
Special to Arab News

DHAHRAN —
(Editor's note: The following is the concluding part of an in-depth article on Middle East by an American national.)

Many Americans will be angry at my analysis because they will say that I have stressed only the negative elements in the American character. This is not true since I have attempted to point out how some of our strengths have worked against us in the Middle East. It was not my purpose to write a comprehensive treatise on the nature of Americans. I am taking an isolated aspect of the American scene and am trying to show what I believe are its shortcomings. We Americans pride ourselves on our willingness to criticize ourselves but we lament that we sometimes do it to the point of needless self-flagellation. Perhaps we do, but it is better to do that than to live in a netherworld of deception.

Others may be upset because they will accuse me of undermining the respect for the people who lead our government. In reality, only the leaders themselves can undermine the respect we have for them. We respect the offices they hold and we are optimistic enough to hope that next time someone will hold that office who is better than the last person. It is our way and we have no need to apologize for that attitude. But until our leaders earn the respect of the citizenry, they cannot expect to be spared the barbs of reasonable criticism.

Parents may be angry because they will say that this article distorts the American image in the minds of their children. Nothing could be further from the truth. Very young children are not going to read it, and many teenagers will not want to take the time and are more interested in things that appeal to normal teenagers. But, while I am writing this

primarily to adults, I would not regret if some teenagers read this to get another view of the American image, an image very different from the traditional one we all accepted so naively in our youths. I am concerned that American children understand the value of knowing the truth and not just what adults tell them is true. This maturity can be painful and some will not be able to handle it properly. But if today's youth (and this started in the 1960s) are more cynical than we were, perhaps they have just cause, since their world is more television-oriented and they see things happen almost instantly. I would hope that the present generation of American youth will not be as blind to the real world as we were. It will be difficult enough for them to live with our mistakes. May they be preserved from making similar mistakes and may they grow up wiser than we were.

There will be those who accuse me of taking sides to the extent of ignoring the injustices done to the Israelis, of being so pro-Palestinian that I can excuse any acts of violence done in the name of retaking Palestine. I will be the first to acknowledge that many Israelis have suffered cruelties in this conflict. But I believe a distinction must be made between the aggressors and the victims in the first stage. I believe there is ample historical support to prove that the Zionists openly and clandestinely initiated a move for a state in a territory where they were a numerical minority. Yes, they have the right to life just as anyone else, but not at the expense of anyone else. And that has made all the difference. Thus, once the first act of usurpation took place, a reaction was inevitable. Also, the disparity between the magnitude of the retaliations makes me convinced that Israel shares a far greater degree of the guilt for this tragic situation. The moral superiority claimed by the Israelis and their supporters has no basis in fact.

Americans have no need to apologize for many of the traits I have mentioned; the Christian sense of brotherhood, our trusting natures, our idealism, our desire for the good life, our desire to get ahead and our educational system. But what we have to realize is that while these very traits have partially accounted for our prominent position in the world today, they have also contributed to our support of Israel, a support which is highly debatable and unquestionably debilitating in an economic, political and moral sense. Ultimately, we are to blame for allowing ourselves to be manipulated on such a mass scale. We deserve much of the scorn of the Arab world because they have come to expect so much more from us. This expectation of greatness places an awesome burden on us. Fortunately, many times in the past we have met these expectations from the rest of the world. But in our obsessive support for a highly questionable interpretation of Jewish history, we have aligned ourselves to an state that has become an international maverick and we have become branded by association.

In his futuristic short story, *By the Waters of Babylon*, Stephen Vincent Benet's young protagonist, John, the son of an aging tribal priest, is forbidden to visit the Dead Places, cities destroyed by atomic radiation, because his awareness of "civilization" might have a bewildering impact on him. If he ever acquired this knowledge, which he yearns for with all his being, he would have to decide how to "handle the truth" so that his followers, when he becomes the leader, would not be asked to handle what might be beyond their capacity to absorb. But John ignores the wishes of his elders, goes on the search and almost dies. Upon his return, he tells his father, "Truth is a hard deer to hunt. If you eat too much truth at once, you may die of the truth."

I have looked back and wondered about where my search for the truth about the Middle East

began. Since the first 30 years of my life were spent in the United States, I was conditioned by many of the factors I previously cited. Perhaps it all started one night in Dec. of 1968. On that night, my wife and I looked southward into the darkness from our balcony in Ramlet-el-Baida in Beirut. We saw several orange glows in the distance and heard the screams of fire engines. It was not until the next morning that we heard about the devastating raid on Beirut Airport which destroyed about 13 airplanes, mostly belonging to Middle East Airlines. I believe that may have been the moment that I began really wondering about what was really behind the incredible overkill mentality of the Israelis. That moment may have been the beginning of the end of the 20 year Golden Age discussed so beautifully by the writers of the recent *Aramco World's Paradise Lost: A Eulogy for Lebanon*. But it was very likely the beginning of my quest for the truth about the Middle East which goes on even to this day. May a solution be found soon to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict before many more torturous searches for the truth have to be made by today's youth.

This has been one person's possible explanation for why America does what it does in the Middle East. It is also a logical speculation based on my knowledge of the facts. But it is also a memoir because the memories of the fifties, sixties and seventies remain vivid in my mind and I suspect in the minds of many Americans brought up in similar environments. These thoughts represent my searching for the truth, just as John, the son of the priest, had to search for the truth. I have not always been pleased to find the world as it has been, but I could not ignore the realities of the world. I now have to determine how I will "handle the truth" because I believe the truth has been a hard deer to hunt: I regret that I had to leave the United States 14 years ago to begin to find the truth. I wish I could have discovered it in my own country just as I wish many Americans could do today without leaving home. I am a sadder but wiser person for the search. I left and chose to live overseas. And because of that decision, I can readily identify with the American poet Robert Frost in his *"The Road Not Taken"*.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
(Concluding)

Afghan fighters struggle for unity

By Aernout van Lynden

LONDON —
Yagh Dara is a cold, inhospitable place, a barren and precipitous mountain slope, offering only the shelter of some 30 damp, uncomfortable caves. The only amenity is an ice-cold stream, a strenuous, even hazardous, 20 minutes away. But as a base for the Afghan Mujahedeen, the "warriors of God", Yagh Dara is perfect.

"Their tanks can't threaten us here. It's all too steep. Yes, they can bomb and attack us with their helicopters and jets, but the Russians can only capture Yagh Dara with thousands of men." The speaker was a young, tanned man, who with his unruly black beard and passionate burning eyes reminded me of a 20th century Spanish buccaner: dashing, tempestuous and fearless. In the 16 months since his return to the area where he was born and brought up, Zahir Abdul Halim has built up one of the most important guerrilla strongholds in Afghanistan.

All around it the dark granite rocks bear the scars of Soviet air raids. But it is superficial damage. In more than 20 attacks, only one of the caves has collapsed.

Yagh Dara lies just eight or nine miles south of Kabul. "We are the closest Mujahedeen camp," Halim said with obvious pride. Pointing to the vast sprawling metropolis below us, he added: "And that is our target." Just a few days later Abdul Halim set off to attack the capital at the head of 36 men.

Only minutes after they entered the city, a hail of red tracers announced that the group had been detected — a direct result of the Afghan inability to keep either one's presence a secret or one's voice down. Halim was undeterred, leading his men from street corner to street corner, ordering covering fire down the squalid and narrow side streets. After half an hour of 50-yard dashes and frantic leaps for generally minimal cover, Halim reached his target. Amazingly no one had been wounded.

After a hold-up (they couldn't find the matches) the military transport depot with a petrol station and 42 trucks, was set on fire. Fifteen minutes later the whole of eastern Kabul was lit up, with the flames leaping into the late evening sky.

However chaotic most of the events of that evening were, such operations illustrate how the war in Afghanistan has escalated dramatically in the past year. When I made a similar visit to the Kabul region last year, the insurgents had never penetrated further than the army posts dotted all around the outskirts of the capital. Now they are moving right in to the city — often no more than a few hundred yards from the old city center itself.

By building up the base at Yagh Dara, Halim demonstrated the tactics which have proved most effective: attacking the Soviet-backed regime of Babrak Karmal and its allies from the north, precisely where they are strongest.

But the location of Yagh Dara as a guerrilla base is also significant for an entirely different reason. Late every afternoon Halim and 20 or 30 of his men would make their way down to the villages on the outskirts of Kabul. There, over dinner in the narrow and bare rooms of the mud houses or in mosques filled to capacity with grey-bearded Pathan village elders, Halim would spend long hours discussing, arguing and explaining.

Halim was an inimitable speaker and he used the sense of urgency and drama in his voice to the utmost in persuading his audience of what action should be taken now and in the future, of just how important the jihad, the holy struggle is for every Muslim, and of the task each could fulfill. However long the nightly discussions lasted, Halim would always return to his windswept cave at Yagh Dara. For just as he was conscious of the importance of his political mission, he was also aware that the guerrillas' presence could endanger the villagers.

Passing through Pakia, Lowgar and finally into Kabul province, during the four-day march to Halim's base, the danger was clearly visible. Nearly every village I passed through bore the scars of a helicopter gunship attack — houses with great, gaping holes or splintered beams sticking out through the walls like broken ribs.

The Tezin Valley, 30 miles east of Kabul, which last year teemed with over 400 families, was quite deserted following an eight-hour gunship attack. Only a hundred or so fighters remained.

The stream of refugees to Pakistan and Iran (it is estimated that over a fifth of the population have fled) is a serious problem for the Mujahedeen. "The

village is the source of life for the Mujahedeen," said Halim. "It gives the men, the food, the support. Without the villages our struggle would fail."

It is this awareness of the villages' importance which has forced the insurgents to set up separate bases. It is also changing the approach of the courageous, but generally ill-disciplined and disunited resistance.

On a crisp autumn Sunday morning the main mosque in the village of Chaqari, 12 miles south of Yagh Dara, was the scene of a quite extraordinary meeting. The mosque was filled with 80 men who between them constitute almost the entire leadership of the insurgents operating in a wide area south of Kabul. The men were present at the instigation of a three-man committee sent by the guerrilla leaders in Peshawar, the frontier city in Pakistan which has become the Afghans' capital-in-exile, to discuss not just greater cooperation but actual integration of their forces. The resistance has always been bedeviled by fierce factional rivalry and a distrust bordering on outright hatred, so such a meeting was a rare occurrence.

The existence of several factions in any one area has been not so much a military problem as one between the Mujahedeen and the local peasant population. Near Bagram, in Parwan province, an area where factional differences have sometimes led to outright fighting, the local population was already showing signs of a certain weariness last year — symptomatic both of the insecurity the villagers felt and of the demands made on their limited resources. "It is one of the economic difficulties with which we are faced," Halim told me. "Due to the war, a lot of land is now idle, the people are less well off. "This would not be so serious if they (the villagers) only had to aid one party, but in many areas there are three or four different groups which have to be given food, maybe clothes, cigarettes. It causes problems and only through unity can we solve it."

Unity won't come about instantly. Like everything else in Afghanistan, it will take time. But meetings like the one in Chaqari, attacks on the center of Kabul, the setting up of resistance bases such as Yagh Dara and the emergence of young insurgent commanders like Halim indicate that the war in Afghanistan is far from over. (ONS)

Today is Friday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1983. There are 351 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this day:

1764 — U.S. ratifies peace treaty with England, formally ending American War of Independence.

1809 — England and Spain form alliance against Napoleon Bonaparte.

1867 — Peru declares war on Spain.

1942 — Forces under U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur resist Japanese attacks on Batavia in Philippines.

1943 — U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill begin wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

1963 — President Charles de Gaulle states French objections to Britain's entry into Common Market and rejects U.S. offer of Polaris missiles.

1966 — Indonesia closes its United Nations mission as it prepares to withdraw from the world organization.

1978 — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance delays his departure for occupied Jerusalem when Israeli and Egyptian negotiators are unable to reach an agreement on how to discuss the Palestinian issue at upcoming foreign ministers meeting.

1982 — The death toll in the Air Florida crash reaches 78 as emergency crews pull out the wreckage of the Boeing 737 from the icy waters of the Potomac River near Washington.

Happy New Year!

Quote: "The universal language of man."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "The Seafarer" (1807-1882).

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Islam in perspective

Commentary by Sayyid Outh

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent.
Have you considered him who takes his stand on a clear evidence from his Lord, followed by a testimony from Him, which is preceded by the Book of Moses which was revealed in order to be a guide and a mercy (to people)? These believe in it. As for those, of any groups, who deny its truth, the fire is their appointed place. So, be not in doubt concerning it; it is the truth from your Lord, even though most people do not believe.

(HOUD: 11; 17)

Reassuring evidence

As we continue with *surah Houd* we read this verse which begins a passage explaining the attitude of the pagan Arabs toward the Prophet and his message of truth. The passage which varies its rhythm and is full of pointers gives us an impression of what the small group of early believers was facing in that critical period of the history of Islam. It tells us that the situation needed to be clearly defined. It is an example illustrating the true nature of the Qur'an as a message which faces such a situation with positive action.

The Qur'an cannot be truly appreciated except by those who fight the same battle as the early believers and face a situation similar to the one in which it was revealed in order to provide guidance and instruction. Those who try to understand the meanings of the Qur'an, approaching it in a cold, academic manner, trying to study its style or artistic imagery, cannot appreciate its true nature as long as they remain away from its battle. The Qur'an never reveals its secrets to those who opt for safety and comfort even when it means that they have to submit to some authority other than that of Allah.

Qur'anic commentators have differed as to the meaning of this verse, according to their understanding of the referent of each of the third person pronouns used in it. Translators of the Qur'an also give different renderings of the meaning of this verse, since they rely on the commentators to give them a clear impression of the meaning of each verse. The task of both groups is made even more difficult because Arabic uses the same form for "he" and "it". In our translation of this verse, we follow its meaning as given by the commentator, the late Sayyid Outh. He bases his understanding of the

verse on the fact that certain expressions used in this verse are found later in the *surah* as it gives an account of what happened between several messengers of Allah and their nations. He argues that there is clearly a single mode of expression running throughout the *surah*. This is done on purpose, in order to prove that the relationship between the Prophet and Allah is the same as that existed between Allah and all the other messengers sent before him and who received revelations from Him. This serves two purposes: first, it disproves the allegations the pagan Arabs used to fabricate against the Prophet. It also reassures him and the small group of believers who followed him that his message preaches the same and single truth preached by all of Allah's messengers and followed by all their followers who had submitted themselves to Allah.

Thus, the overall meaning of this verse is as follows: consider this Prophet to the honesty and truthfulness of whom all evidence points. He takes his stand on a clear evidence which he finds in his innermost soul, granted him by his Lord. This clear evidence is followed by a testimony from Allah which is the Qur'an, a book with clear characteristics confirming its divine source.

He is further supported by another testimony which has been given long before him, that is, the Torah, the book revealed to Moses to be a constitution for the children of Israel and a mercy bestowed on them from on high. The Torah gives evidence to the truthfulness of the Prophet, Allah's messenger. In two ways: it tells plainly of his message and Prophethood and it includes the same ideological principles of the universal religion acceptable to Allah. Is it right

then, that such a Prophet should face hostility, stubborn rejection and denial of his message along with accusations that he is a forger, as he was actually facing from all groups of his opponents who associated partners with Allah? This is singularly odd considering all the evidence confirming and endorsing his message.

It then portrays the attitude of those who believe in the Qur'an and those of all sorts and colors, who deny it and the punishment awaiting them in the hereafter. It reassures the Prophet and the believers that what they have is the truth. They should not, therefore, be disturbed by the attitude of the unbelievers, despite the fact that they were the majority of the people at the time.

These believe in it. This statement refers to the Prophet who was the first to believe in the truthfulness of the revelations he received from Allah, and his followers who believed in him and his message.

As for those, of any groups, who deny its truth, the fire is their appointed place. The appointment will not be failed, for Allah (Glorified be He) is the one who has made it.

So, be not in doubt concerning it; it is the truth from your Lord, even though most people do not believe.

The Prophet has never entertained any doubt with regard to the truthfulness of the revelations he was receiving. How could he have doubted when he had taken his stand on a clear evidence from his Lord? This divine instruction, however, coming immediately after all the pointers and evidence made in this verse, suggests that the Prophet was afflicted that his call has not made any real headway in Makkah and that it was facing determined opposition from many quarters. He, therefore, needed some consolation which was provided by this reassurance. Similarly, a small group of believers were experiencing a great deal of worry and difficulty which made them in need of reassurance from their Lord, the Merciful.

The advocates of Islamic revival are facing a similar situation wherever they are. They find themselves facing all sorts of rejection, hostility, ridicule, persecution as well as physical and moral repression. All forces of ignorance, local and international are marshaled against them. They are subjected to the most ghastly and wicked forms of suppression. Those who conduct such

persecution are treated as heroes. In their present difficulty, the advocates of Islam will be well advised to understand this verse fully, with every statement and implication it contains. They badly need the reassurance provided by Allah's appropriate affirmation: *Be not in doubt concerning it; it is the truth from your Lord, even though most people do not believe.*

The advocates of Islam badly need to find within themselves a shade of the clear evidence Allah's messengers had in their hearts, granted to them by their Lord and of His mercy which they never doubted for a moment and through which they confirmed their commitment to go along their way, regardless of the great difficulties they were facing. They are facing up to a situation which is not different from those faced by Allah's messengers (Peace be on them all).

The situation we find ourselves in today is similar to that which obtained when the Prophet conveyed his message to all humanity. He was faced with the ignorance in which humanity had sunk after it was put on the path of Islam (i.e. submission to Allah) by Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, John, Jesus and the rest of the Prophets.

Ignorance may recognize the existence of Allah and it may not do so. In either form it appoints for people deities who rule over them in a way different from that revealed by Allah. They establish for mankind values, traditions and legislations which make them submit to these deities, not to Allah. The Islamic message to all humanity is to renounce all these false deities in order to return to Allah, believing in Him as their only Lord, submit themselves to Him, follow only His legislation and obey only His commandments. This is indeed what starts the grinding battle between monotheism and polytheism, Islam and ignorance, the advocates of Islamic revival and the tyrants who rule the world in the name of their false deities.

Hence, it is necessary for the advocates of Islam in their difficult situation to refer the Qur'an where they may find a picture of the situation they find themselves in and the battle they fight. This is what we mean when we say that this Qur'an can only be appreciated by those who fight this battle, and face similar situations as those which existed at the time of its revelation and in which it provided guidance and instruction.

Islam -- a universal religion and a code of living

By Adil Salahi

Among the religions of the world, Islam has, perhaps, the strongest hold on the lives of its followers. Whatever a Muslim does, he must first make sure that it is in accordance with the teachings of Islam. If such a contradiction exists, then he must abandon the thing he wants to do, in deference to the teachings of his religion. This applies to matters which are universally recognized to be within the religious domain as much as it applies to matters which most people believe to be of no concern to religion. This is due to the fact that Islam is not merely a relationship between man and Allah; it is also a code of living which organizes human life in such a way as to make the pleasure of Allah the goal for the achievement of which every Muslim must strive through every thing he does.

How does Islam achieve this, and how does it relate faith in Allah and the observance of religious teachings to matters which are purely materialistic are points on which we would like to shed some light through an attempt to understand the faith of Islam and the basics of its ideology.

Islam is the religion we have received through the revelations vouchsafed from on high to Muhammad (Peace be on Him). If we attempt to make an outline of the religion of Islam, we may say that it is constituted of faith which embodies the ideology and the basic principles from which Islamic laws are derived, and action which implements the Islamic law, or Islamic constitution, which is inseparable from the faith and the ideology.

It is extremely important to understand that, according to Islam, there can be no split between faith and action; the ideology and the constitution. The one follows the other in the same way as cause produces effect, and as a premise gives a certain result. For this reason, action is firmly linked with faith in many a verse of the Qur'an: *Man is a certain loser, save those who have faith and do righteous*

deeds. (103: 2-3). Give those who believe and do righteous deeds the tidings that they shall have gardens underneath which rivers flow. (2: 25). Be they men or women, those who embrace the faith and do what is right We will surely grant a happier life; we shall reward them according to their noblest actions. (16: 96).

The Islamic faith is not different from the faith preached by all Prophets to whom Allah has given revelations and entrusted with messages, starting with Adam and including Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Zacharia, John, Jesus until we reach the last of Allah's messengers, namely, Muhammad. The faith preached by all these messengers is the same. There can be no variation of what Allah considers acceptable to Him as faith. All nations and all generations need to have the same basic principles of religion and faith: *in matters of faith, He has*

ordained for you that which He had enjoined upon Noah -- and into which We gave you (Oh Muhammad) insight through revelation -- as well as that which We had enjoined upon Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus; steadfastly uphold the true faith, and do not break up your unity therein. (42: 13).

The basic requirements of the divine faith, as preached by all Allah's messengers, and as it is universally agreed to be the faith of Islam are as follows:

Recognition of Allah, His noble names and attributes, and to recognize Him as the absolute Master of the universe. Such recognition helps stimulate the noble motives within man so that he remains conscious of Allah in whatever he does.

Recognition that there is a complete world which lies beyond our present one. Such a world includes good forces represented by the angels and forces of evil represented by Satan and his soldiers.

EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 12 A.H.

— The year began on Thursday, March 18, 633 C.E.

— Many tribes revolted against Islam and few pretenders claimed false prophethood: Abu Bakr met the challenge and sent the following punitive campaigns against the rebels:

— Khalid bin Walid to Basra and Ghaffar against the pretender Taleha Mubashshir.

— Amir bin As to Qadhaq.

— Ibrahim bin Abd al-Jahid to Basra Hanifa against Mundaf bin Ka'ab.

— Sa'ad bin As toward Syria.

— Muhajir to Yemen and Hadhramaut against the pretender Asad.

— Shurabbil to Yamama, Suweid to Tihama, Ula Hadhramaut to Bahra.

— Hadhramaut to Bahra, Tuhaf to Basra, Sa'ad bin As to Makkah.

— After stabilizing the state, Abu Bakr

sent the first campaign under Khalid bin Walid to Mera in Iraq of whose people agreed to pay tribute to Islamic state. They were followed by the people of Anbar, Ain Tamer and Damast Jandal on Syrian border.

— Abu Bakr performed Hajj at Makkah Mukarrama and appointed Uthman bin Affan as Amier in Madinah during his absence.

— Aboi As, the son-in-law of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) and husband of Zainab expired.

— Marwa al Juzzami, a Roman governor accepted Islam in Palestine. He was called to the court and crucified for his conversion to Islam.

(The events described in the Jan. 7 instalment of this column relate to 11 AH and NOT to 10 AH.)

— Abu Tariq Hijazi

Our Dialogue

Wearing gold articles

Q. Could you please explain the reason for forbidding Muslim men to wear articles made of gold.

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A. In matters where a definite ruling is given in the Qur'an or by the Prophet without an explanation of the reasons for that particular ruling our attitude must be one of acceptance. We may, if we wish, try to determine the reason for the ruling concerned or the benefit which results from it. Our conditions, however, must not be regarded as inflexible. Nor can they be attached to the ruling as an integral part of it. If, for example, we determine that the person for forbidding the flesh of a dead animal is that it causes us to contaminate diseases, our conclusion does not affect the prohibition in any way. This means that if we can determine with the help of highly sophisticated laboratory techniques that eating the meat of a dead animal will in no way cause us any infection or illness our knowledge cannot waive the prohibition.

It remains in force for ever.

The Prophet once said: "The only cause for the hand and a piece of gold in the other, and said:

nation, permissible to its women." Neither then or subsequently did he give us an explanation or a cause for this restriction. The restriction, then, applies for all time. Whatever explanation we give must be taken as an opinion which is liable to error. Taking all this in mind I venture to give the following explanation.

Gold has always been linked with money. It used to be the currency people used in their financial transactions. Although the use of gold as a currency has largely disappeared in day-to-day transactions, it is still closely linked with money and currencies. Gold cover is required to establish the strength of a particular currency. This means that using gold in articles of ornament, decoration or jewelry reduces the amount available for conducting financial transactions. This is against the Islamic principles which deal with finance and economy.

It is, needless to say, that using gold in any article is a sign of luxury. To wear a gold ring or necklace is tantamount to advertising one's financial position. Again, this runs against the proper Islamic behavior. After all, Islam considers that man is "put in charge of" his wealth and does not own it. The

wealth is Allah's and he is only a trustee. He is to use it as Allah has willed. The poor a twinge of pain as they look at their rich

money than to put it round their fingers or round their necks. This may lead to social strife which Islam tries its best to prevent.

An act of worship on behalf of others

Q. 1. Is it acceptable that someone offers a religious duty such as pilgrimage, *umrah*, prayers, fasting or Qur'anic recitation and pray Allah to make a gift of the reward of that act of worship to someone else, especially to a deceased person?

Q. 2. Does the verse concerning the veil, which is verse 55 of *surah 33* "The Confederates", apply only to the wives of the Prophet or to Muslim women generally?

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A1. It is permissible to offer pilgrimage, *umrah*, *zakah* or fasting on behalf of someone else. The only condition for offering pilgrimage as a proxy for another person is that the performer must have offered pilgrimage on his own behalf first. The one who offers such an act of worship as a proxy for someone else receives a reward from Allah, and Allah grants the full reward of such an act of worship to the person on whose behalf it was

offered. To recite parts of the Qur'an and pray Allah to make a gift of its reward to a deceased person is also permissible. Muslim scholars, however, differ on whether such a practice is applicable to prayers as well. Some of them consider it applicable while others say it is not.

A2. I suspect that you have given the number of the verse concerned wrongly. If you mean verse 53 of the same *surah*, the relevant part of which may be rendered in English as "Whenever you ask them for anything that you need, ask them from behind a screen", this applies only to the wives of the Prophet. As you are probably aware, there are certain restrictions which apply only to the Prophet's wives, as they have the distinguished position of being "mothers of the faithful".

Verse 55 does not concern the veil as much as it concerns the relatives before whom a woman may appear without wearing her full Islamic dress which she wears before strangers. The verse translates: "It is no sin for them to appear before their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons, or their women-folk, or such male slaves as their right hands may possess. But always remain conscious of Allah -- for, behold, Allah is witness to everything." This verse, obviously, applies to all Muslim women.

Zakah on jewelry

Q1. When a young girl marries she is sometimes given gifts of jewelry by her parents, relatives and friends and the total value of such jewelry may far exceed the financial ability of her husband. Does she or her husband have to pay *zakah* on such jewelry, even if they have to sell some of it because they cannot afford to pay it from their small incomes?

Q2. If someone lets the house he owns and lives in a rented house in another area because it is more convenient, does he have to pay *zakah* on the value of his house considering that the rent he receives is about equal to the rent he pays?

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A1. Schools of thought differ with regard to the payment of *zakah* on ladies' jewelry. The difference of opinion is quite considerable. Al-Shafie, for example, maintains that no *zakah* need be paid for such jewelry, even if the quantity is large. Imam Abu Hanifa, on the other hand, takes the completely opposite view that *zakah* is payable on any amount of jewelry a woman possesses. Considering all the relative evidence and the practice of the Prophet and his companions, modern Islamic

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Some reflections on Uhud

By Adil Salahi

Defeat at the battle of Uhud came as a great shock to the Muslims who fought it. They could not understand how they could achieve a resounding victory at Badr, when they were heavily outnumbered and poorly equipped and then suffer a defeat at the hands of an army which they had already forced on the retreat. The dramatic turn of affairs in the battle just finished, which turned an assured victory into a disastrous defeat was to them more than baffling.

Their defeat, however, made it clear to the early Muslims that victory was not theirs by right, and that they could not expect to win every battle they fight under any conditions and in whatever circumstances, without having taken the necessary actions and preparations which made victory a certainty. Allah wanted His servants, the believers, to know that victory could not be assured unless they set themselves first on the road to victory. This means that their attitude must be the right one in battle: they must be willing to fight and be totally obedient to Allah and the Prophet. They must show determined perseverance in situations of hardship and they must overcome their own desires and whatever temptations they face. Allah has assured the believers of victory against any enemy as long as they serve Him with sincerity of action and purpose. Whenever they give priority to their own narrow interests He leaves them to their own priorities.

Perhaps the first sign of weakness to appear in the Muslim camp was when Abdullah ibn Ubai deserted with about one third of the army. His pretext was that his opinion was overlooked in favor of that of the more enthusiastic Muslims who wanted to engage the enemy straightaway. He overlooked the fact that the Prophet himself was initially in agreement with him. The Prophet had to accept the other view when he realized that it was held by the broad majority of the Muslims. The Prophet did not see anything wrong with discarding his own view in favor of that of the majority. But Abdullah ibn Ubai considered that humiliating. His desertion did not only weaken the army but was about to cause a further split, when the soldiers from the Sulaim and Harithah clans of the Ansar were about to defect as well.

But all this did not cause much harm at the beginning of the battle, when the Muslims overran their enemies and were able to achieve a clear advantage. Their determined attack was achieving the desired results and all seemed to be sweetness and light. At this point, however, a costly mistake was made when the rear guard of the Muslim army, the unit placed on Mount Aina, left their positions to share in the collection of the booty.

Every military commander tells us that strict obedience by all his troops is absolutely necessary for the success of his plan, whether offensive or defensive. Obedience by all soldiers in war is taken for granted. Without it, no army can achieve victory even against a weaker enemy. But in this instance the Muslims suffered from disobedience.

It is extremely difficult to explain why soldiers in that unit went against the express orders of the Prophet, the commander in chief of the Muslim army, as well as the clear orders and advice of their own commander, Abdullah ibn Jubair. There is no doubt that their desertion of their positions, in order to get their share of the booty, was the act which caused the disaster. Yet the Muslims have always been obedient to the Prophet. All authentic reports tell us that Abdullah ibn Jubair did advise his soldiers against leaving their positions and reminded them of the Prophet's instructions and warnings. All reports also indicate that they did not leave their positions until they were certain that the battle was over and the Quraish army was defeated. They saw their brethren collecting the booty. Some reports indicate that there was no deliberate attempt to disobey the Prophet on the part of those soldiers. They simply felt that his orders were valid only as long as the battle was on. Once it was over, and they might have sincerely felt that it was over, they were free to do what they liked. Whatever the explanation, there is no doubt that the action was one of disobedience, as it is described in the Qur'an. It was a moment of weakness which overlooked those believers to the extent of diverting their attention from the noble goal they were fighting for and carrying them away by thoughts of petty gains. They had to learn, therefore, that Allah's unfailing rule was that He supported the believers as long as they supported Him and His cause with all their hearts. They witnessed with their own eyes the quick victory they achieved when they were fighting for the sake of Allah. But when their purpose dif-

fered the result was different.

Another sign of weakness exposed in the battle of Uhud was the fact that when the Quraish army launched its counterattack the Muslims did not fight a determined battle. They were scattered everywhere instead of closing ranks together. Some of the Muslim soldiers were preoccupied with saving their own souls. They did not respond to the Prophet as he called them to join him. In fact, most of them left him to face the determined attack which Quraish launched with the aim of killing him personally with only a few of his companions to defend him. In a situation like that which developed when the rear guard unit left its positions, the proper thing for the rest of the army was to gather round their commander, the Prophet, and to fight tooth and nail. But many of the Muslim soldiers were confused, stunned, distracted and perhaps did not realize what they were doing as they climbed high in the mountain to protect themselves. It is not strange, therefore, that those who stayed with the Prophet and defended him bravely like Talhah ibn Ubaidillah, Abu Dujanah and several men of the Ansar should receive the highest praise from the Prophet.

In a situation of weakness and confusion, it is difficult to achieve clarity of thinking and to hit on the right course of action. For this reason, when the rumor spread that the Prophet was killed some of the believers stopped fighting and conceded defeat. Some of them thought: "What about sending a messenger to Abdullah ibn Ubai to arrange for a truce with Abu Sufian. If Muhammad is killed, our best course is to return to our people before the Quraish come to kill us." This attitude betrayed a reluctance which was highly uncharacteristic of the believers. It gave the impression that they did not come to fight for their faith, prepared to give the sacrifice required, but rather came because they had to come. They either felt they could not disobey the Prophet when he asked them to go out to fight or they might have felt that they had no option but to honor their pledges to him to support him against any enemy who attacks him in Madinah. Now that the Prophet was killed, there was no reason to continue fighting.

It was necessary for the Muslims to realize their mistake. They were not simply defending and protecting the person of the Prophet. They were not fighting for the man, the messenger. Their only aim must be to support the cause of Allah, and to make it supreme. They were fighting for their faith and defending it against the forces which wanted to smother and suppress it. Hence, it was not for a people who believe in Allah and submit themselves to Him to stop fighting, if the Prophet is killed. Allah addresses them in the Qur'an: *Muhammad is but a messenger, other messengers have passed away before him. Will it be that, when he dies or is slain, you will turn back on your heels? He who turns back can cause Allah no harm, and Allah will reward the thankful.* (3: 144)

Thus the Qur'an puts the case in its proper perspective. The Muslims must always be advocates of the cause. They live for it and die for it. Their own persons, no matter how high their ranks are, are of no importance. The Prophet himself could die or be killed but the cause of Islam remains alive and must be served. What is more, the fortunes that may befall the advocates of Islam need not be taken as a criterion by which to judge how sound Islam is. Islam remains the faith of truth. Its followers will achieve the right results for their own efforts. Allah does not give the Muslims victory in order to prove to them that Islam is the truth. They first have to believe in the truthfulness of their faith and to confirm their belief by their actions in order to achieve victory. Allah is in no need of anyone. Our worship does not benefit Him. He is, therefore, under no obligation to us. Indeed, we are obliged to Him. Hence, we cannot judge Islam by the degree of our success against our enemy. The success we achieve is a reflection of our own condition and a proof of whether we are good Muslims or not. Besides, we have to take the right preparations. In the same way as people may die in war as well as in peace, whenever the appointed time of each of them arrives, victory is granted only to those who deserve it through their preparations and purity of purpose.

So far, we have reflected on the negative aspects shown by the Muslim army in the battle of Uhud, which led to its defeat. The battle, however, was not without its positive aspects. We hope to consider these next week. Allah willing.

scholars of high repute have given a ruling which is perhaps more logical and accurate at the same time. They say that if the jewelry a woman possesses is purely for her own use as adornments to wear on social occasions and in her home, and if it is within the limits normally accepted in her community as reasonable adornments of a woman of her social standing, then no *zakah* need be paid on such jewelry. If, on the other hand, it exceeds what is accepted as normal and reasonable for adornment then it becomes in effect a method of money saving or investment. In this case, *zakah* is payable on whatever a woman possesses in excess of such reasonable limit. The idea is obviously that a woman's adornment is part of her normal needs. Whatever is needed in the normal course of a person's life is not included in the part of that person's wealth on which *zakah* is payable. But what is saved or invested becomes part of one's capital for which *zakah* which accrues.

A2. The *zakah* which is paid for a rented house, office or factory is not calculated on the basis of the value of that property. It is only on the income which one receives from that property that *zakah* is payable. One may deduct from such an income all the expenses one incurs for the management and the maintenance of one's property. It is needless to say that such expenses must be kept within reasonable limits. The net income is then taxable for *zakah* purposes.

As Tripucka's return makes difference

Bullets buckle under Pistons power

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Washington Bullets didn't believe Kelly Tripucka would be a problem after he missed Detroit's last 23 games with a knee injury.

Tripucka, who averaged 25.7 points per game before he was injured Nov. 24, started for the Pistons in his first appearance since then and hit 11 of 18 shots for 25 points in Detroit's 116-110 victory over the Bullets in the National Basketball Association (NBA) Wednesday night.

"Tripucka played a great game," Washington coach Gene Shue said. "I was surprised he played as well as he did. We just went over the players before the game and we really didn't pay much attention to him."

The game also marked the return of Pistons' forward Keon Benson, who scored eight points after missing the previous 22 games with an injured ankle. "We played much better tonight for a couple of reasons," Detroit coach Scotty Robertson said. "First, we had more people and the addition helped physically as well as mentally. Kelly gave us a lift on offense and Benson gave us a lift on defense."

In other National Basketball Association games, New Jersey won its 11th straight game by beating Indiana 120-114, Boston bombed Golden State 139-117, Philadelphia rallied to beat Milwaukee 122-121, Chicago edged Cleveland 98-96, and Denver beat Utah 126-118.

Tripucka scored 14 points in the first half to help Detroit take a slim 56-53 lead at intermission. He then added nine in the third as the Pistons took control of the game by outscoring the Bullets 30-17 in the period to take an 86-78 lead going into the final 12 minutes.

"It was strange," Tripucka said. "It was like playing my first game. I was really worried in warmups that I wouldn't play well. In the beginning of the game, I was just feeling my way around, but after a few minutes I got into the flow of the game."

Tripucka, an All-Star last year as a rookie, got a basket early in the fourth quarter to give him 25 points, but with a safe lead, Robertson rested him the rest of the period. Johnson added 24 points for the Pistons, who had lost eight of its previous 10 games.

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Celtics 139, Warriors 117: Guards Danny Ainge and Quinn Buckner scored 10 points apiece to lead Boston in its 39-point third

quarter against Golden State.

Robert Parish led Boston with 33 points, but it was Ainge, who shot 9-for-12 from the field and had 20 points, and Buckner, who was 8-for-12 for 16 points, who sparked the Celtics in the pivotal third period.

Kings 118, Spurs 113: Steve Johnson scored 23 points, six of them during a 12-0 spurt that put Kansas City in control in the third quarter. After trailing by as many as 15 points in the first half, San Antonio rallied to tie the score 75-75. Kansas City then ran off its 12 points in a row.

Mavericks 112, Clippers 110: Mark Aguirre scored 35 points, including a 23-foot basket with one second left that gave Dallas its victory over San Diego. The Mavericks, who at one time led by 20 points, trailed 110-107 with 25 seconds left, before Aguirre hit a three-point shot to tie it.

Nuggets 126, Jazz 118: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 30 points and Alex English 29 and Denver hit 17 of 18 shots en-route to a 43-point third quarter against Utah. The Nuggets led 104-81 after the third-period explosion and coasted to its eight victory in their last 12 games.

Bulls 98, Cavaliers 96: Reggie Theus, who didn't start for Chicago for the first time in 354 games, scored 16 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, when the Bulls outscored Cleveland 29-22 to win for only the second time in nine outings.

To end 55-year-old tradition

British Board toes WBC safety line

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — British Boxing Board of Control announced here Wednesday.

The decision ends a 55-year-old tradition and brings British title fights into line with moves by the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the European Boxing Union (EBU). The EBU shortened the length of fights in 1978 following the death of Italian boxer Angelo Jachopucci.

The death of Duk Koo Kim of South Korea after a World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title meeting in the United States in November caused the WBC to make its new rule. Both fights had ended between the 12th and 15th rounds.

The British Board also said Wednesday it was giving approval for British lightweight champion to meet WBA champion Ray Mancini in Turin on Feb. 6. Mancini was the winner of the fight which led to the death of Duk Koo Kim.

Most British boxers who have fought fifteen rounds appeared Wednesday to be in favor of continuing to do so. However, heavyweight Joe Bugner, who boxed 15-round title fights on six separate occasions, including a world championship bout with Muhammad Ali, agreed with the Board's verdict.

"Today's a fighter may find himself in a title after no more than ten appearances in the ring. Where can he possibly get the experience for a 15 round fight?" he asked.

"I think the 12-round British Championship is appropriate not only for physical but also mental reasons. The only time I ever had any trouble over the longer distance was in my first title fight. I met Henry Cooper and around the twelfth I found that I had entirely lost my concentration, although I was physically perfectly OK. Going from 12 to 15 is moving into another dimension and it is a difficult process," Bugner said.

"For all that, I think that world title fights should have remained at 15 rounds. They are, after all, the ultimate test in sport. To reduce them is like chopping six miles off a marathon. If a man is to fight for a World Championship he should be fit to do so in every sense of the word," concluded Bugner.

Herol Graham, British and Commonwealth light middleweight boxing champion, is to meet European champion Luigi Minichillo in a title fight. The promoters have been given until March to sign contracts.

The 24-year-old Graham, who is unbeaten, will attempt to recover for Britain the title which compatriot Maurice Hope lost to Minichillo at Wembley last March. Hope retired from boxing after the defeat.

Uganda gets set

Meanwhile, Uganda has begun preparing to hold in July the long-overdue eighth all-Africa Amateur Boxing Championship. Uganda sports officials reported Tuesday. The officials, reached by telephone in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, said the champ-

ionship will be held July 7-10.

It is the second time Uganda will play host to the biennial event which last took place in 1979 in Benghazi, Libya. Uganda organized the sixth championship in Kampala in 1974.

Libreville, Gabon, had agreed to host the eighth championship in 1981. But it never materialized, and the reasons were never explained. Uganda stepped in as substitute last year.

Officials of the Uganda Amateur Boxing Association (UABA) said the 1983 tournament would take place under a new format in which champions of regional African tournaments would contest the titles. Previously, national champions competed at the all-Africa tourney.

"The African Amateur Boxing Association (AABA) had made this change so as to make it easier for the championships to be organized with less boxers," a UABA official said. "It is also expected to reduce the cost for both participants and hosts."

Regional championships are to be organized for each of the seven sports development zones established by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa. A Pan-African body under the auspices of the organization of African unity.

Kenyan sports officials said the Kenya Amateur Boxing Association would meet next week to look into the possibility of staging the regional tournament for zone five, countries in the zone are Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Egypt, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan.



Buckner... plays pivotal role



Parish... leading Celtics scorer

Robinson, Marichal honored

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP) — Third baseman Brooks Robinson and pitcher Juan Marichal were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BWAA) Wednesday.

Robinson, one of the greatest defensive players in baseball history during his 23 years with the Baltimore Orioles, became only the 14th player elected in his first year of eligibility.

Named on more than 75 percent of the ballots returned by 10-year member of the BWAA in its annual election. Robinson and Marichal will be inducted into the Cooperstown, N.Y., shrine Aug. 2.

Robinson holds Major League records for third basemen of games played (2,870), putouts (2,697), assists (6,205), chances

(8,902), double plays (618) and fielding average (.971).

He won 16 gold gloves and led the league's third basemen in fielding percentage 11 times. He was named to 18 All-Star teams and was the American League's most valuable player in 1964. For his career, he batted .267 with 268 home runs, 1,357 runs batted in and 2,848 hits.

Marichal, a high-kicking right-hander, won 243 games in 16 seasons, speeding almost his entire career with the San Francisco Giants.

He had a 2.89 earned run average, a 80-game winners. Marichal twice led the National League in complete games. He pitched a no hit game against Houston on June 15, 1963.

Though England holds slight edge

Five-Nation tussle may prove a battle royal

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP) — It would take a computer to detect any great differences in class this year between the five nations which traditionally compete for the unofficial crown of Rugby Union.

One attempt of this nature has been made in fact but the answer — France to win with seven points out of eight — has met with nothing but derision.

Saturday's opening ties between Scotland and Ireland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh and between England and France at Twickenham, London should help clear the air, but it's likely a final result will have to wait until the last matches on March 19.

England are the only side which stand out a little from the bunch. They slipped up against the Irish at Twickenham last year, but still finished joint equal.

They have lost prop Phil Blakey through injury and have dropped winger Mike Slemen from the side which ended last season with a 17-7 win over Wales. Of the three, the absence of Blakey could prove the most crucial. He was the rock on which the English pack was constructed and Gary Pearce has a lot to live up to.

Against the French, England are up against arguably the best front row in the tournament in Paparomburc, Dintrans and Dospital, although they should dominate the lineouts through Maurice Colclough and John Scott.

The French, grand slammers in 1981 and bottom equal with Wales last year, have a brand new second row in Orso and Condom, but elsewhere are much the same unpredictable blend as before.

Didier Camberbero, whose father and uncle were in the side which completed the first French grand slam 15 years ago, has still to fulfill all his promise at stand-off, while newcomers Sella and Esteve along with the revived Codomieu and the explosive full-back Serge Blanco provide a high-speed three quarter line.

The French struggled twice to beat Argentina in the early season and lost to Romania in Bucharest, but they now welcome back the old firm of Jean-Pierre Rives as captain and the irreplaceable Jean-Luc Joinel in the back row.

The match looks very similar to the same fixture two years ago when the opportunistic French won 16-12 to complete the grand slam. England should have learned a lesson from that and look the best bet.

Top badminton players for Taipei tourney

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Jan. 13 (AP) — Prakash Padukone, the International Badminton Federation's second-ranked men's singles player from India, leads 87 other players in the three-day tournament opening here Friday.

Other world-ranked players in the men's division include Indonesia's Icku Sugianto (third ranked), Malaysia's Misbun Sidek (fourth ranked), Sweden's Thomas Kihlstrom (sixth ranked), England's Steve Baddeley (10th ranked), and Denmark's Jens Peter Nierhoff (17th ranked).

In the women's category, world seventh-ranked Suniko Kitada of Japan, world eighth-ranked Ivana Lie of Indonesia and world ninth-ranked Jane Webster of England will be the top contestants in the Masters invitation competition here. England's Nora Perry is expected to do well in the women's doubles.

At a news conference Wednesday, Padukone said he thought Denmark's Morten Frost Hansen, now ranked No. 1 in the world, Indonesia's Lin Swie-King, and China's Luan Jin were his strongest opponents.

Erlend Kops of Denmark, world champion during the 1950s and 1960s, also told local newsmen that Prakash's key to success was his accurate placement shots at four corners of the court.

Commenting on the best style for playing badminton today, Kops said: "The right type is the combination of speed and placement accuracy." An official of the organizing committee said that the winner in the men's singles will receive a prize money of \$3,000, while the runnerup will get \$1,500.

Up in Edinburgh, Ireland have settled on the same recipe of experience and mobility which brought them Five Nations success and the triple crown last year.

That means much again depends on the cool skills of stand-off Ollie Campbell. He kicked all 21 of his side's triple crown winning points against Scotland in Dublin last year, but he could have his hands full with an excellent Scotland back row. Injuries to full-back Hugo Macneill and skipper Ciaran Fitzgerald have the Irish worried, but both should be fit in time for Murrayfield.

Scotland, still high on the destruction of Wales at Cardiff in the last match of last season are many people's favorites, but they still look an erratic blend.

Andy Irvine is out injured, but his replacement Peter Dods was snapping at his heels anyway and there is plenty of running talent elsewhere both in and behind the scrum. The loss, again through injury of stand off John Rutherford is a more severe blow.



SEEN IN DIFFERENT ROLE: French Rugby Union captain Jean-Pierre Rives is seen in a different role just few days before the opening of the France and England in the Five Nations tourney. Rives, seen cooking in a Parisian restaurant, will lead a rejuvenated side against England at Twickenham Saturday.

Frenchmen dominate Rally

AGADES, Niger, Jan. 13 (AP) — Marc Joineau on a Suzuki motorcycle and Rene Metge in a Range Rover were the French overall leaders after Wednesday's long and grueling 617 kms stage of the Paris to Dakar Rally. From Dirkou to Agades in Niger.

A violent sandstorm swept across the route, and many competitors went astray, missing the "tenere tree" landmark, slightly more than halfway.

Yamaha rider Michel Merel came off near

Vaganyan snatches Hastings crown

1,000 pounds (\$1,600).

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 13 (AP) — Soviet grandmaster Rafael Vaganyan defeated Paul Littlewood of Britain in the final round Wednesday to win the Hastings International Chess Tournament, 2 1/2 points ahead of his nearest rival.

Vaganyan finished with 11 points out of possible 13 to win the first prize of 1,200 pounds (about \$1,920).

Vladko Kovacevic of Yugoslavia beat Britain's 17-year-old Nigel Short to take second place with 8 1/2 points and the second prize of

Dubai all set for Tour de Emirates

ABU DHABI, Jan. 13 (WAM) — The country's "biggest and most ambitious" cycling race will start on Jan. 24, the English daily Gulf News reported Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted the president of the UAE Cycling Association Lt. Col. Naser Abdul Razak as saying that the race — the second Tour de Emirates — will begin in Ras Al Khaimah on Jan. 24 and winds through all the Emirates before finishing at Dubai on Jan. 28.

The race, which will be televised live, has been broken up into five stages. The first stage will extend to 110 kilometers, the second 100 km, the third 110 km, and fourth 95 km, while the final stage will be over 110 km.

Gretzky is male athlete of the year

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP) — After breaking nearly every scoring record in the National Hockey League books and dominating his sport as few athletes have ever done, it wouldn't be surprising to discover that Wayne Gretzky had let all that success go to his head.

But Gretzky, who was named the Associated Press male athlete of the year on Wednesday, isn't letting it spoil him. "I don't consider myself any different from the 410 other people who play in this league," said Gretzky, the 21-year-old Edmonton Oilers' center. "I think I'm one player of 400 or so who has to do a job to help promote hockey, help set an example, and image for the younger kids to want to be an NHL player, or at least lead a good style of life. So I just try to live up to my 1-400th of the responsibility."

Gretzky is hardly like other NHL players. He is the most awesome offensive force the game has known.

In 1982 Gretzky made the improbable very real. He scored 92 goals, 26 more than anyone had ever managed in one season. His 120 assists broke his own record by 11 and his 212 points were 48 more than he collected the previous year. He won the scoring title by an astounding 65 points.

For those achievements, Gretzky was the first unanimous selection as NHL most valuable player, his third consecutive MVP award.

After an unassuming start to his international career, Rutherford has developed into the finest attacking stand-off in British rugby. His replacement, Ron Wilson of London Scottish is an experienced international, but new captain, scrum half Roy Laidlaw must ensure he overcomes a tendency to overkick.

As with all Scotland-Ireland games, Saturday's clash is likely to be a close one, but Scotland now have the confidence to outrun the ageing Irish. Wales are the first of the five to sit it out and with a host of changes expected from the side which failed miserably last year. They are the joker in the pack.

Meanwhile, prop Mick Fitzpatrick of Wanderers has withdrawn from the Irish team to meet Scotland because of the failure of a thigh strain to clear up. He incurred the injury during a training session with the national squad.

No replacement has yet been named, but it is expected to be Gerry McLoughlin, who played in all four of last year's Five-Nations Championship matches.

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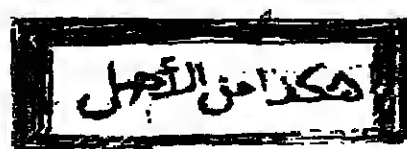
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With two-run victory from final delivery

Kiwis make it by skin of teeth

MELBOURNE, Jan. 13 (AP) — New Zealand held off a determined English batting challenge to snatch victory on the final delivery of the World Series Cup One-day match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Thursday.

In a sensational finish, England's Vic Marks was clean bowled by Martin Snedden only two runs short of victory after wicket-keeper Bob Taylor had desperately tried to "farm" the strike. England scored 237 for the loss of 8 wickets in reply to New Zealand's 239 for eight with both teams using their full 50 overs.

The match kept the 11,000 crowd on its toes all day as they were treated to some brilliant cricket, including a magnificent century by England vice-captain David Gower. Gower, with all-rounder Ian Botham, almost stole the match from New Zealand as the pair put on an invaluable partnership of 98 in 65 minutes for the fourth-wicket. Gower, the man of the match, made a tremendous 122 in

196 minutes with eight boundaries.

As England closed in on the Kiwis' total at 223 for six, Gower turned a ball to midwicket where he was caught by Glenn Turner off pacesman Richard Hadlee. The loss of Gower was a vital blow for England, who needed only 17 more runs for victory.

But Marks and Taylor battled gallantly as the count-down of overs and runs began in the dying stages and were probably lucky not to have been run out several times during their efforts to close the gap.

New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth said after the match he was extremely pleased to win because the game was extremely important for the Kiwis. "Another good thing about the match was that we were pushed to the limit and put under a lot of pressure and I thought the boys coped very well," he said. Howarth said he was pleased with the performance of champion batsman Turner, who played his first match this series after missing the game last Sunday through a persistent left

leg injury. Turner, who has not played Test cricket since the 1976-77 season, showed he is close to his best form when he made a vital 38 in 72 minutes before being bowled by England skipper Bob Willis.

Turner and partner Lance Cairns moved the Kiwis' score along at a crucial time in the innings, scoring 37 in only 17 minutes. Willis was extremely disappointed with the result. "We keep doing the hard work and then we miss it up when we should have coasted in," he said.

"We only had four to get off the last ten overs but our middle-order batsmen just keep folding up. New Zealand did have their amount of luck but they still got 15 runs too many from us," Willis said.

New Zealand looked set for a large score when openers John Wright and Bruce Edgar put on a strong opening stand of 87 in 95 minutes.

Cairns, who normally bats further down the list, came in at No. 3 after Edgar was dismissed for 30 in an attempt to thrash the spinners all over the ground. He succeeded for a short time making 36 in 28 minutes with three fours and two blistering sixes, but he was eventually caught at backward square leg by Miller off the bowling of Botham.

The rest of the New Zealand side all contributed to the winning score with Hadlee making 24 in just under 30 minutes with two boundaries and one six. England was set the formidable task of scoring 240 for victory but lost their first three wickets for only 92 runs.

However, Gower maintained his wicket and with Botham slowly moved the side toward apparent victory. But Gower could be considered lucky to have reached his century after being dropped at 82 and then getting a favorable decision from a stumping attempt on 97.

England are yet to win a game in the World Series Cup, having lost to Australia in Sydney last Tuesday. However, they can take heart from the improvement in form of Botham.

The hurling all-rounder, sadly out of form during the recent Ashes series against Australia, made 41 in 65 minutes with two fours and two sixes and earlier captured three wickets for 40 in his ten overs.



Asa Hartford...sets ball rolling

Soccer results

English F.A. Cup			
Chelsea	2	Huddersfield	0
Manchester	2	Sunderland	1
Newcastle	0	Brighton	1
Stoke	3	Sheff. United	2
Torquay	3	Oxford	1
Division Three			
Bradford	2	Orient	3
Division Four			
Hartlepool	0	Peterborough	0
League Youth			
France	3	United States	1
Czechoslovakia	3	West Germany	2
Soviet 'A'	3	Soviet 'B'	2

Meets Brighton in 4th

Man. City gets the better of Sunderland at last

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Manchester City defeated First Division rivals Sunderland 2-1 in an F.A. Cup third round replay Wednesday night, ending a six-year spell in which it had never previously beaten the north-east team.

City dominated the game and was two goals up at halftime through Asa Hartford (14) and David Cross (39). The home team also hit the woodwork three times before Sunderland pulled a goal back when Gordon Chisholm blasted a 70th-minute shot from 25 meters past England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan.

In the fourth round, City will meet Brighton, which had not won away from home for 20 matches and did well to inflict a 1-0 defeat on Second Division Newcastle, roared on by a fanatical 32,000 crowd.

Former England captain Kevin Keegan and Imre Varadi both had goals disallowed in the last 10 minutes as Newcastle laid siege to the Brighton goal after Peter Ward had put the visitors — underdogs in the view of many experts despite its First Division status — in front after 62 minutes.

Stoke City has the dubious reward of a trip to Liverpool after narrowly defeating Third Division Sheffield United 3-2 in another

third round replay. Sheffield started well and took the lead after 39 minutes through Keith Edwards. Stoke was level within four minutes when David McAughie scored but a Colin Morris penalty gave the visitors an unexpected half-time lead.

Stoke hit back immediately after the break when substitute Ian Painter, on for injured England winger Mark Chamberlain, headed home a freekick and an own goal by Sheffield's Mike Henderson presented Stoke with the winner 10 minutes later.

Second Division Chelsea were successful with a late barrage against Huddersfield. Two goals in the last 15 minutes by John Burshead and Micky Filmer ended some dogged resistance by the Third Division side and earned Chelsea an attractive fourth-round tie at Derby.

In another tie, Fourth Division Torquay United eliminated Third Division promotion-chasing Oxford United 2-1, thanks to goals by Steve Cooper (his 17th of the season) and Jackie Gallagher.

The revised draw for the fourth round to be played on Jan. 24 is: Everton v Shrewsbury, Torquay v Southend or Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal v Leeds, Aston Villa v Wolverhampton, Brighton v Manchester City, Coventry v Norwich, Middlesbrough v Notts County, Watford v Fulham, Ipswich v Grimsby, Luton v Manchester United, Cambridge v Barnsley, Burnley v Swindon, Liverpool v Stoke, Crystal Palace v Birmingham, Derby v Chelsea, Tottenham v West Bromwich.

Arsenal's Milk Up' quarterfinal against Sheffield Wednesday will go ahead as planned next Tuesday. It was announced Tuesday night that the tie had been postponed to accommodate Wednesday's English F.A. Cup third-round second replay against Southend. Now, however, the League have confirmed that their match takes priority, with the F.A. Cup replay arranged for Jan. 24.

Meanwhile Everton have switched their F.A. Cup fourth-round tie against Shrewsbury to Sunday, Jan. 30, to avoid clashing with neighbors, Liverpool who, entering Stoke City.

The Merseyside giants were both drawn at home but instead of staggering the kick-offs, Everton decided to put the game back 24 hours. Everton last staged a Sunday Cup tie nine seasons ago. Then, 53,000 watched them play West Bromwich.

Meanwhile, Manchester United are prepared to give a free transfer to winger Peter Bodak — so that he can join local rivals Manchester City.

Bodak joined United from Coventry City earlier this year, but was loaned to Manchester City four weeks ago. He has since made six first team appearances and the move is expected to be made permanent next week.

Luton Town reserve striker Michael Small is to join Dutch First Division club Go Ahead Eagles, club officials said. Small, 20, flew to Holland Wednesday.

Birmingham clubs could give Liverpool, United a trying time

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Liverpool already hold a 10-point lead at the top of the English First Division standings, but that doesn't mean their rivals have conceded the championship.

England international Bryan Robson, the Manchester United captain, believes his team still are capable of winning the title. "I'm convinced we have a squad capable of catching up with Liverpool," said Robson, who admits the Old Trafford team will have to score more goals to challenge the Merseysiders.

"Our goal drought has cost us precious championship points," said Robson. "The trouble is, we are playing our football at 100 miles per hour. We should be more relaxed."

United, currently in fourth place, have the worst goal-scoring record among the top teams in Division One and have hit the net only 31 times in 23 league outings. Despite this, they still are regarded as the most likely title contenders should Liverpool stumble during the second half of the season.

But Saturday's match at St. Andrews will be a difficult one. Bottom club Birmingham, in severe danger of relegation, are doctory fighters. Liverpool also face an away match in the Birmingham area — at West Bromwich.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AP) — France will bid to stage the 1992 Summer Olympic Games to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the speech made by French Baron Pierre de Coubertin which sparked the modern Olympic movement. Nelson Pailou, French Olympic Committee president, said Wednesday night France intended making a formal application to the International Olympic Committee in Los Angeles Friday.

PERTH, Australia (AP) — A 47-year-old British airline pilot Wednesday completed the first motorized glider crossing of Australia in eight days, it was learned. Captain "Tug" Willson landed his PIK 20 self-launching sail-plane in the seaside town of Mandurah, south of here, this afternoon at the end of a 4,000 kms (2,400 miles) flight from Camden near Sydney.

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Scotland's defending champion, John Watson has been drawn against Mike Luker, the English champion, in the first-round of the World Indoor Bowls Championship at the Coatbridge Club, Lanarkshire, from Feb. 8-13. England's David Bryant, three times winner of the title and the current world outdoor champion, will meet Welsh champion, John Squires, in his opening match.

NEW YORK (AP) — Unbeaten Donald Curry of the United States will fight Jun Sok Hwang of South Korea for the World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight crown at Fort Worth in Texas on Feb. 13. Promoter Bob Arum confirmed here Wednesday. The title became vacant after the retirement of "Sugar" Ray Leonard.

PARIS (AP) — French First Division side Paris St. Germain were held to an exciting 3-3 draw by visiting West German counterparts Kaiserslautern in a friendly international here Wednesday night. Paris St. Germain scorers were Susic Tanasi and Zaremha while the Kaiserslautern marksmen were Gueye (2) and Ellefeldt.

MONTPELLIER (AP) — Local Second Division side Montpellier were beaten 1-2 by West German First Division visitors Hamburg in Wednesday night's friendly international here. Hartwig opened the scoring with a headed goal on the hour and Milewski made it 2-0. Rey pulled one back for the home side two minutes from time.

Marshall, Haynes not among the rebels

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 13 (AP) — Richard Austin and Everton Mattis, two members of the West Indian rebel cricket team, arrived at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport from London.

The two, who face automatic life bans from West Indian cricket, formed the vanguard of a 15-man cricket team which will tour South Africa for a month. Austin and Mattis were warmly welcomed by a large crowd as they emerged from the custom hall into the glare of television cameras.

The Parnassus, president of the South African Cricket Union, and Dr. A.R. Bacher, director of the Transvaal Cricket Council, shielded the players from pressmen. Parnassus said a press conference would be held later when the other players arrive from New York.

Only the captain of the team, Lawrence Rowe, and team manager Albert Padmore

will be allowed to make statements to the press. Parnassus said. The tourists' first match is on Saturday in Cape Town against Western Province.

Meanwhile, three West Indians who were among those originally listed in the rebel team will arrive in their native Barbados next Monday to represent their island in the annual regional championships.

Cricketing officials in Barbados were informed that Desmond Haynes, Makelin Marshall and Hardy Allcync would definitely not be playing with the rebel West Indian team in South Africa.

Amid growing criticism, the anti-apartheid movement in London accused the West Indian cricketers of "having sold their souls for kuggerands". Mike Terry, secretary of the anti-apartheid movement, predicted that "the tour will be a sporting and financial failure like the Jimmy Hill pirate soccer tour last

summer and the recent Sri Lanka cricket tour. It has nothing to do with cricket and everything to do with the apartheid regime's international propaganda campaign."

Commonwealth secretary-general Shridath Ramphal said that the West Indian cricketers on their way to South Africa will be committing an "act of shame in Caribbean terms" and an "act of treachery to the black people of South Africa" if they play there.

Ramphal, of Guyana, said he had asked West Indian governments to take strong action against the tourists.

The 15-member team, announced by SA(U) is: Richard Austin, Sylvester (Jamaica), Colin Croft, Alvin Greenidge, Bernard Julian, Alvin Kallicharran, Collis King, Iverson Mattis, Ezra Mosley, Derrick Parry, Lawrence Rowe, Franklyn Stephenson, Himmerson Trotman, Albert Padmore, and Gregory Armstrong.



Asim...flattering figures

Asim, Salman star in Dallah Avco win

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — Salman cracked a splendid unbeaten 59 to steer Dallah Avco to a facile eight-wicket victory over New Stars in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket League last Friday.

New Stars, batting first, were restricted to a meagre 94 by Asim. Asim in a deadly six-over spell wrecked New Stars to return flattering figures of seven for 12 runs. Only Younus (34) and Rahman (31) offered some resistance.

In the other match, Indian Blues coasted to a four-wicket win over JCC. Indian Blues managed to get JCC out for 150 after a fine start. Khalid proved JCC's mainstay with a sedate 54 and Zia (25) and Shabeen (23) bolstered the total. Nasr (three for 40) and Amjad (three for 52) shared the spoils.

Dave Sigler outlasts Drewett

AUCKLAND, Jan. 13 (AP) — Australian Brad Drewett wasted seven match points in his second round match against American Dave Sigler before going out of the International Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here Thursday.

The sixth-seeded Drewett, ranked 116 in the world, lost 7-6, 4-6, 14-16 in a three-hour marathon after the start had been delayed for three and a half hours due to rain.

Sigler, a first round loser here a year ago, will meet top-seeded Australian John Alexander in the quarterfinal Friday. Alexander needed 90 minutes to eliminate British Davis Cup star John Lloyd 7-6, 6-4.

The 41-minute first set went with service to the tie-break which Alexander won 7-4 when his 28-year-old opponent struck a half volley

over the baseline.

The second set was riddled with service breaks. Lloyd dropping his in the third, seventh and finally ninth games, while Alexander was broken in the sixth and eighth when he double faulted on break point.

Top New Zealand Davis Cup player Chris Lewis earned his second straight set win. The 25-year-old Aucklander beat Australian John McCurdy 6-3, 6-4 in 64 minutes. Lewis was troubled only once in the match, in the first game, when he had to save three break points before winning.

He took McCurdy's service in the sixth game to clinch the first set in half an hour. Lewis then broke McCurdy in the opening match of the second set and held that advantage throughout the set.

Borg exhibits class against Vitas

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 13 (AP) — Bjorn Borg a next quest for the U.S. Open title may include a warm-up at a Cincinnati-area tournament, the Association of Tennis Professionals Championships.

Borg wouldn't go so far Tuesday as to commit himself, but said he'd consider competing for the first time in this summer's ATP. "I might consider maybe to play," Borg said Tuesday. "Usually every year I've been playing the Canadian Open before the (U.S.) Open...and I never won the Open...so maybe I should play one more tournament."

The ATP, played at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center near Mason, is the late major tournament before the U.S. Open, and it's played on the same type of court. And, since Borg has said that winning the U.S. Open — the lone major title that's eluded him — is his No. 1 priority — he's considering warming his game at the ATP.

Although Borg has been out of champion-

ship tennis for several months, he's been playing several exhibition...such his 7-6, 6-3 victory Tuesday over Vitas Gerulaitis. "When you've had a long layoff and you've been having a good time, it's tough to put your mind back into tennis, to really concentrate on every point," Borg said.

Borg said he took about five months off in late 1981 and early 1982. "Because I felt that I needed a break from tennis, because I've been playing 10 years, traveling around the world — I needed to get away."

"I did not touch a racket for three months. I was completely away from tennis. But then from April up to now, there was a problem because of the qualifications, it was the only reason I didn't play. I was having a good time, but still I was missing tennis."

Borg has said he expects to resume tournament play in Europe, probably in early March.

WORLD OF SPORT

FAST LADY...
THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN A FORMULA ONE RACE WAS DORIS WILSON, WHO WON THE SECOND ROUND OF THE BRITISH AFX BRITISH FORMULA ONE CHAMPIONSHIP AT BRANDS Hatch IN APRIL, 1960. SHE DROVE A WOLF WR4 COSWORTH AT 116.29 MPH.

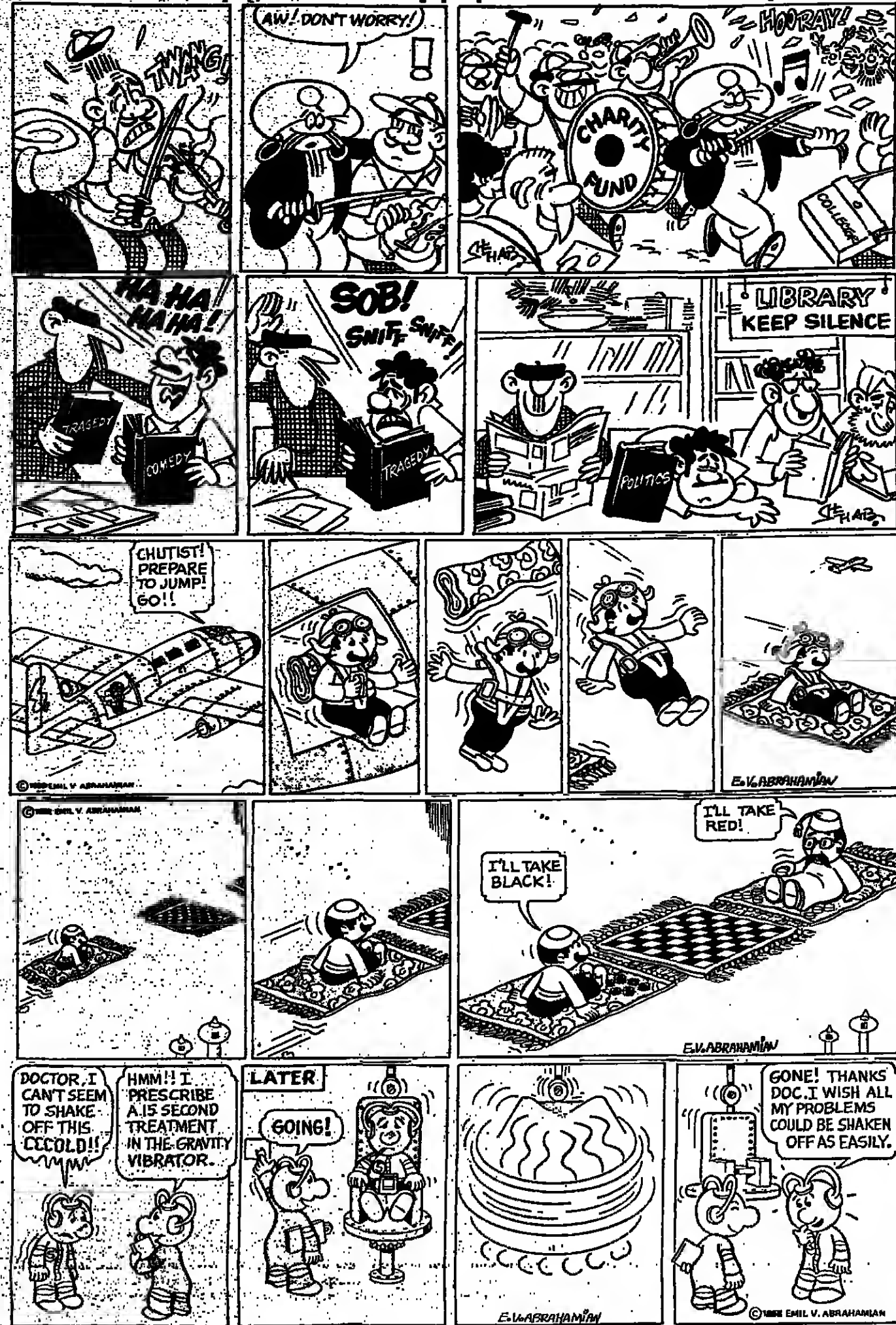
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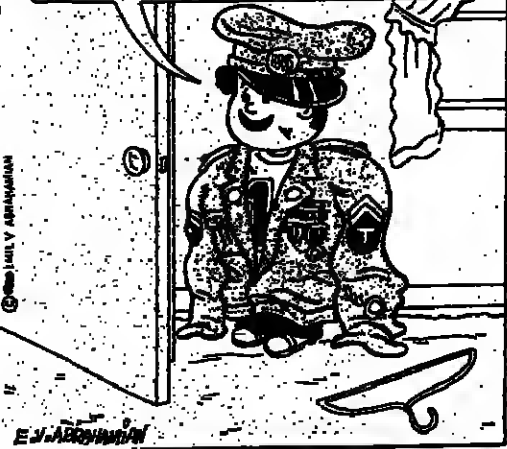
IMPRESSIONS

I CAN HEAR THE OCEAN IN THE SHELL. ALL RIGHT, BUT HOW CAN YOU TELL IF THE WATER IS POLLUTED OR NOT?



IMPRESSIONS

SEE! POP MUST'VE BEEN A GENERAL OR SOMETHING TO HAVE A SWELL JACKIE LIKE THIS!



SPACE SHOTS



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Bahrain Channel 4	4:00 Quran - Religious Talk - 4:20 Program Preview - 4:25 Cartoons - 4:40 Big Ford and the Wide Boys - 5:00 Soccer - 6:00 Religious Program - 7:00 Daily Arabic Series - 8:00 Arabic News - 8:35 Local Live Program - 9:30 Tomorrow's Program - 9:35 Daily Arabic Series - 10:25 Arabic Film - 11:00 News
Bahrain Channel 55	6:00 Program Preview 6:05 Take Hart 6:15 Wildlife in Yish 7:00 News 7:30 Maude 8:00 American Short Series 8:40 Hawaii Five-0 9:25 Magnum, followed by News Summary
Dhahran	1:00 NBA Basketball-76 2:30 Pro Soccer Team-2 3:41 Children's Show Cartoons

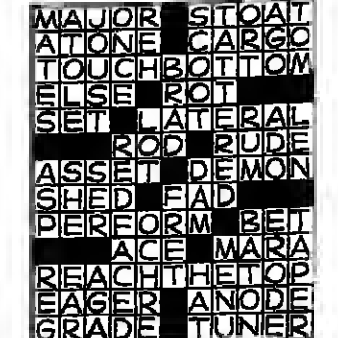
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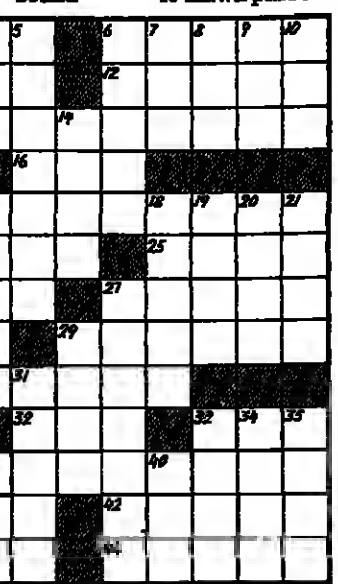
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 - 38 French pronoun
 - 39 Recipe abbr.
 - 40 Hawk parrot



Yesterday's Answer

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- 38 French pronoun
- 39 Recipe abbr.
- 40 Hawk parrot



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A WELL-INFORMED PERSON KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT EVERYTHING—AN EXPERT KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT SOMETHING.—SOURCE OBSCURE

Contract B. Jay and Steve Becker

Three Bites at the Apple

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

or if East has the ace of clubs, or if the diamond queen falls as three rounds of the suit are played.

It would be foolish to start by leading a club to the king. This would spell instant disaster if West had the ace. Two tricks would be lost at once.

Instead declarer tests his luck so that he is not subject to immediate defeat if matters develop unfavorably. Thus, in the present case, after drawing trumps, South starts by cashing the A-K of diamonds, hoping the queen will fall. When it doesn't, he plays a spade to the king and ruffs the nine of diamonds. (As it happens, the queen falls and South's troubles are over.)

If the queen does not appear as the diamonds are led, South tries his luck in spades by cashing the queen and ace, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3. If this possibility also fails to materialize, he still has a third chance for the slam. He leads a club to the king. As he runs out of ammunition after this, the slam would finally stand or fall on the location of the ace.

If all three chances fail, South goes down, but not from lack of initiative. The only sensible course he might then pursue is to give up the game for a while.

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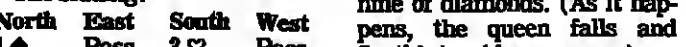
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SUMO WRESTLING

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1983

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Early morning career talks are favored. Mixed trends affect the social picture. You may receive a travel invitation.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Schedule conferences now. Opportunity beckons career-wise, so don't let self-doubt hold you back. Financial gain is likely.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Joint financial talks are favored.

Some plan a special holiday with a close tie. Sign up for courses and broaden your horizons.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You'll reach an understanding with a loved one. Inspired hunches bring work gains. Questions of intimacy are of concern.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Talk things over reasonably with a co-worker. Avoid

displays of temperament.

Romance and leisure-time fun are indicated.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're charged with creative energy, but don't misplace a valued object. You decide to work overtime on a project.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

If you yield on a few points, you'll be able to resolve a family dispute. Don't let money worries keep you from having good times.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Morning hours bring effectiveness in communication.

Make important calls. You'll find something nice for the home when shopping.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may receive a gift from a loved one, though financial dealings with friends aren't favored. Enjoy travel opportunities.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A higher-up refuses to compromise, but otherwise things should go pretty much your way. Keep monetary developments secret.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Catch up on reading and neglected correspondence.

Later, you'll be in the mood to socialize. Throw off work worries.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Speak up at club functions. A career opportunity looks promising, but still you need to think more on the subject.

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Between Reagan, Andropov

Cuellar offers U.N. as venue for summit

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 13 (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who confers with President Reagan at the White House on Friday, says he is ready to offer the United Nations as the neutral meeting ground for an American-Soviet summit.

In an interview with the Associated Press, the U.N. chief said he would welcome an introductory meeting between Reagan and new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov because it "would help at least to create a better atmosphere for the solution of so many international problems." Among the most pressing problems, he said, were the Middle East conflict, Afghanistan, Southeast Asia, Southwest Africa and Cyprus.

"I think one of the great advantages of the United Nations is that it is a kind of permanent forum for discussions, for dialogues or conferences for all member countries and I would be only too happy to provide the necessary 'shelter' — let's put it that way — for the two leaders to meet together and I think that would be an ideal place for them to meet together and discuss international problems."

At his Washington news conference last week, Reagan said he was in favor "in principle" of taking up Andropov's recent suggestion of a meeting with the American president. "But," Reagan added, "I think that a summit is something that requires some planning."

Cuellar met briefly with Andropov in Moscow when the U.N. secretary-general went there for the funeral of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in November. Friday's White House meeting will be Cuellar's third

meeting with Reagan since the 62-year-old Peruvian diplomat took office a year ago. The two first met last February when Reagan was in New York for a speech and again last June when the president addressed the U.N. disarmament conference. During Friday's visit, the U.N. secretary-general also is to be guest at a Blair House luncheon given by Vice President George Bush, an old friend from the days when they headed their countries' respective U.N. delegations. Meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz and with Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan also are on tap.

The visit will mark the end of Cuellar's introductory tours of the capitals of the five permanent members of the 15-nation U.N. Security Council. He already has been to Paris, Peking, London and Moscow. In addition to discussing world problems with Reagan, the secretary-general said he planned "a kind of evaluation of our bilateral relations."

Earlier this month, Cuellar said it was "a matter of the utmost seriousness" that Reagan had decided to withhold a U.N. assessment of up to \$700,000 earmarked for a rules-making commission of the International Law of the Sea Treaty. The United States refused to sign the treaty because of objections to its deep seabed mining provisions.

"I had to express concern because it was a decision which from our point of view was not helpful. But it was said with great respect for the position of your government...it was not, as was said in the papers, a rebuke," the secretary-general said.

Soviet party advised to stop arrogance against minority

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (R) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has called on state and Communist Party authorities to fight against "national arrogance" toward minority peoples in the Soviet Union, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* reported Thursday.

The party chief told a session of the Soviet presidium Wednesday it was vital to "battle against negative phenomena such as national conceit and arrogance and a disrespectful relationship with other national groups and peoples." His criticism appeared aimed primarily at the Russians, the largest ethnic group in the Soviet Union, who have settled in large numbers in the 14 non-Russian constituent republics.

Andropov was repeating a similar appeal against nationalist pride made in a major speech in the Kremlin last month. Minority ethnic groups, especially those in Soviet Central Asia, frequently complain to visiting foreigners that some Russians are condescending or rude toward them.

Andropov also called for a campaign against what he called attempts to idealize outdated habits and customs which contravened a Soviet and Communist way of life. He did not elaborate, but his remarks

appeared to refer chiefly to the continuing strength of Muslim traditions, such as arranged marriages, in the central Asian region. The authorities have tried without success to put an end to these practices. Travelers also report a growing awareness of religious and national traditions among the youth of Central Asia, whom the Soviet authorities have always tried to instill with European and atheistic values.

Pravda said new Interior Minister Vitaly Fedorchuk delivered a report on efforts to improve coordination of law enforcement agencies to step up the drive against crime and corruption.

Fedorchuk was moved to the interior ministry in December after being head of the KGB security police for six months. Some Western analysts saw the move as demotion, but the fact that Fedorchuk delivered one of the two main reports at a presidium session less than a month after his appointment tended to contradict this view. His prominent role at the meeting lent support to other Western theories that Andropov moved the KGB chief to the interior ministry to direct a purge of the police and courts.

Search confirms Agca's testimony

ROME, Jan. 13 (AP) — Examination of an apartment used by a Bulgarian charged with complicity in the shooting of the pope has confirmed a key piece of testimony against him, the Italian news agency Ansa reported Wednesday.

On Tuesday, investigators probing the May 13, 1981, attack on John Paul II visited the home of Sergei Ivanov Antonov, the sta-

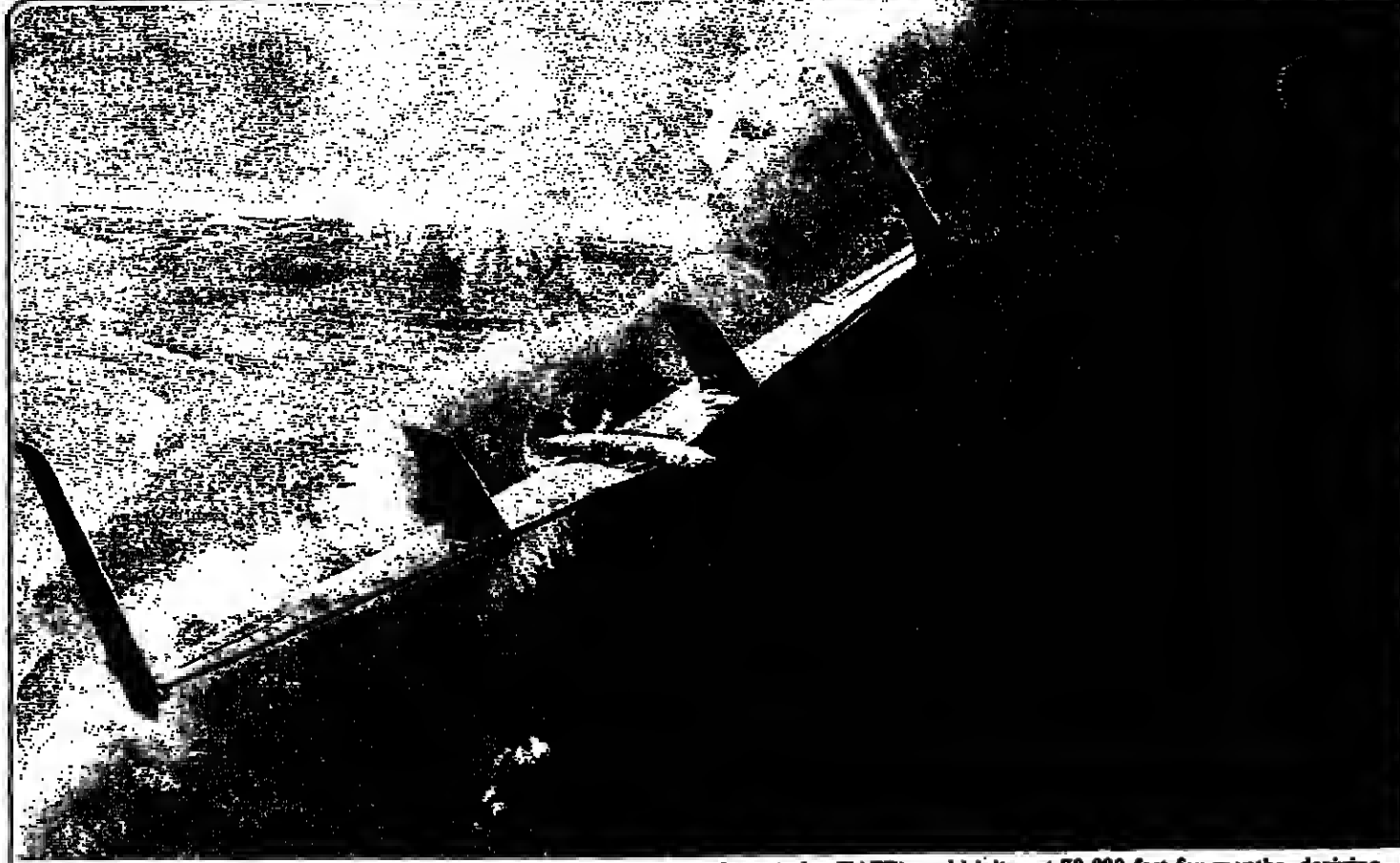
tion chief of the Bulgarian airline Balkan Air who was arrested in his Rome office Nov. 25. Police sources said the investigators, including State Prosecutor Ilario Martella, the Rome magistrate heading the probe, made the visit to see if the apartment fitted a description given by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who shot the pope and is now serving a life term in an Italian jail.

The Ansa dispatch cited unnamed judicial sources as saying that Agca's description conformed with the facts. Investigators were not in their offices to confirm the report when telephoned by the Associated Press. According to Italian press reports of leaked testimony, Agca charged that Antonov was with him in St. Peter's Square the day of the attack and the two previous days, and that he visited Antonov's apartment to plan the shooting.

In a separate development, the Italian news agency AGI said investigators brought Antonov and Agca together Wednesday for a face-to-face confrontation in Rome's Rebibbia Jail to check evidence. Antonov, one of three Bulgarians and five Turks implicated in the attack, has denied any involvement in the assassination attempt and his lawyers have formally demanded his release for lack of proof.

There was no confirmation of the AGI report but the Italian press has reported several such meetings in recent weeks and has said that investigators are trying to break either Antonov or Agca because their evidence conflicts.

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Chinese defector in U.S. fears deportation

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (AP) — Hu Na, the 19-year-old Chinese tennis star whose defection last year has strained cultural relations between the United States and China, is having "sleepless nights" about the possibility of being sent home, her attorney said Wednesday.

Hu Na left her team at the federation cup in Santa Clara June 20 and a week later applied for asylum on the basis of political persecution. China has reacted strongly to her defection, threatening to curtail cultural exchanges with the United States, curbing the travel of other athletes and canceling participation in several events, including a tennis tournament in Florida last month.

David Ilchert, the Immigration and Naturalization Service district director in San

Francisco who will make the final decision in the case, initially said he would try to speed up the process. But the application has gone through exhaustive review at the State Department and the INS central office in Washington. "I've talked to Hu Na and I know she's frustrated over the very long waiting," said Edward C. Y. Lau, "I also know that the uncertainty over whether she'll be able to stay or if she'll get deported out of the country has been the source of nearly seven months sleepless nights for her."

Miss Hu has been living with Mandarin-speaking families in California, Lau said. "She's studying English and trying to do her best to keep herself in some decent condition," Lau said.

"It's been going back and forth," Ilchert

said. "We were reviewing the State Department's comments in the matter and will probably seek some further elaboration of it. We go upon what she has said and what the State Department has advised and make a determination of whether she was a well-founded fear of persecution."

Ilchert insisted that the case is being decided "on its own merits," and discounted news reports that its effect on bilateral relations was also being considered. Representative Tom Lantos, a California Democrat who introduced a resolution in Congress supporting Hu Na's request, has urged officials to expedite the review. Bridget Davis, an aide to Lantos in Washington, said he was worried that the decision might be delayed until Secretary of State George Shultz makes his "fence-mending" trip to China early next month.

Miss Davis indicated Lantos is worried that if the decision on Miss Hu is held up she could become a political pawn in Shultz's talks with the Chinese. Lisa Duperier, an assistant to INS Commissioner Alan Nelson, said in Washington that the State Department's recommendation was submitted this week and the next step would be a decision by Nelson. She said she had no idea when the final decision would come or whether it might be delayed by the Shultz trip.

Zhao, Nyerere begin talks

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Jan. 13 (AP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang and Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere began official talks Thursday, the Tanzanian radio reported.

The state-run radio said the two leaders were meeting without an agenda. But quoted a highly placed source as saying that bilateral, international and nonaligned issues were expected to be discussed. After the talks, Zhao was scheduled to visit the headquarters of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway, a 1,859-kilometer line built with Chinese assistance. He was to place a wreath at a memorial for Chinese workers who died during construction, Chinese sources said.

Diplomatic sources speculated that Zhao might announce his government was writing off loans that financed the railroad, completed in 1976 at a cost of around \$680 million. Tanzania and Zambia were to begin repaying the debt this year.

Tanzania is Zhao's ninth stop on a 10-nation tour of Africa which previously took him to Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Guinea, Zaire, Congo, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He flies to Kenya Saturday to finish the month-long tour.

Mitterrand's protection stepped up

PARIS, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — Twenty members of France's elite anti-terrorist police squad have been assigned to protect President Francois Mitterrand, the government has announced.

The new security measures took effect Thursday as Mitterrand left for a five-day tour of Africa. He is to visit Togo, Benin and Gabon. The reason for the change — part of a continuing police reorganization — is to provide specialized protection for ranking officials. The corps will replace the national police's Official Visits Protection Service, which does not have experience in anti-terrorist and hand-to-hand combat techniques.

The special presidential force will also include another 25 members of the elite corps, known as the intervention group of the gendarmerie, a national paramilitary police force. This group will be responsible for inspecting sites the president is scheduled to visit.

The intervention group formed in 1972 is led by Major Christian Proteau, and uses some of the world's most sophisticated weapons and communications equipment. Meanwhile, Paris has declared war on crime in the metro, where three persons have been killed in recent months.

1950 bomb test radiation

U.K. plans troops' health data check

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — The British Ministry said Thursday it will check the health records of 12,000 soldiers and civilians who took part in Britain's atomic bomb test program in the 1950s.

The announcement followed allegations that at least 150 former servicemen who took part in the test program either died of cancer caused by exposure to radiation from the blasts or are suffering from radiation-related illnesses. The six-year program of 20 nuclear blasts began in 1952 and took place in Australia and on Christmas Island in the Pacific.

A ministry spokesman denied the allegations made in *The Observer* newspaper last Sunday and on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s "nationwide" television program

Wednesday night. He said safety precautions during the tests were "more than adequate...There is still no evidence that people have been affected." But he added: "Nevertheless, we do recognize the desirability of testing the validity of our assessment."

The ministry promised to make the results of the survey available to the public as soon as they are available. The survey will be based on medical records, to check whether the incidence of cancer and radiation-related diseases is higher among the 12,000 than among the population as a whole.

The Observer reported that some of the alleged victims had died from leukemia, a form of cancer, either immediately after the tests or up to 30 years later.

Hong Kong delegation visits Peking

HONG KONG, Jan. 13 (APF) — The vice-chairman of the standing committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, Liao Chengzhi, met in Peking Wednesday a delegation from Hong Kong, the News China News Agency reported.

The agency said that Liao and members of the delegation had a "cordial" conversation with the 10-member delegation, led by Lau Wong-fat, chairman of the rural consultative council of the new territories, invited to air their views on Hong Kong's future. Britain's 99-year lease on Hong Kong's new territories, which make up the bulk of the col-

ony, expires in 1997. According to a press report here, Lau, before leaving here Tuesday for the Chinese capital, said that the purpose of this visit was to voice the wish of new territories residents to maintain Hong Kong's stability and prosperity after 1997.

It was also hoped that a solution, beneficial to both Hong Kong, Britain and China, could be reached, he said. Lau, however, remained tightlipped on what they would discuss with officials in Peking but it was learned that two reports would be submitted to the Chinese authorities for consideration, the report said.

China urges S. African pullout from Angola

PEKING, Jan. 13 (APF) — China has called for the withdrawal of South African troops from Southern Angola, in a communique marking the establishment of diplomatic relations between Peking and the Angolan government in Luanda.

The communique, signed here Wednesday, included an Angolan acknowledgement of Taiwan as an inalienable part of China and of the authorities in Peking as the "sole legal government representing all the Chinese people." Angola, which is a close ally of the Soviet Union, was the only country in Africa (apart from South Africa) not to have diplomatic ties with China.

In an editorial Thursday *The People's Daily* raised the Angolan government's support for South African liberation movements, who receive most of their outside aid from the Soviet Union.

The most noticeable sign of China's new approach to African regimes and parties close to Moscow was Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang's recent meeting in Lusaka, Zambia, with the leaders of two pro-Soviet liberation movements, the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa and the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) of Namibia.

Peking attacks Indian stand on Kampuchea

PEKING, Jan. 13 (AP) — China's leading newspaper Thursday criticized India for not inviting the coalition of Cambodian resistance groups and its leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk to a summit of the nonaligned nations.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, had no immediate comment when asked about Sihanouk's recent statement in Bangkok that he was stepping down for a few months for health reasons.

Some foreign diplomats speculate it may be a "diplomatic illness" and Sihanouk wants to ease out of the coalition with his old Khmer Rouge enemies. The coalition consists of three groups fighting to oust the Vietnamese from Cambodia.

China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have urged India as host country to invite Sihanouk to the nonaligned conference in March. They said Sihanouk should be invited as a co-founder of the movement and as president of the coalition. "The Indian government's refusal to invite the representative of the Democratic Kampuchean coalition government does harm to India's own role and position in the nonaligned movement," *The People's Daily* said in a commentary Thursday.

"It is time for India to turn an attentive ear to the appeals from the ASEAN nations," it said.

India says it cannot invite Sihanouk or a representative of the coalition since the Cambodian seat was left vacant at the last nonaligned summit in Havana.

3 Chinese sentenced to death for murder

PEKING, Jan. 13 (R) — A Canton people's court has sentenced three men to death for murder, according to the *Yancheng Evening News* which reached Peking Thursday.

The report said one of the condemned men, Liang Jiechang, strangled a fish colony employee and drowned the man's wife after they discovered him trying to steal fish. Another, Wang Xijun, beat and kicked his 11-year-old male cousin to death in a suburban cemetery. The newspaper said Wang hoped to inherit his uncle's job when he retired by eliminating the man's heir.

The third convicted man, Ye Feixiong, was apparently a youth gang leader who was often involved in street brawls. In one fight last May, the report said, he fatally punched a man who had already been beaten up by his gang. Executions in China are usually carried out by a single shot in the neck.

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Bangkok	21	70	31	88	clear	Montreal	-10	14	2	36	snow
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Copenhagen	7	45	9	48	cloudy	Peking	3	39	7	45	clear
Dublin	8	46	11	52	rain	Perth	-19	66	30	86	clear
Geneva	0	32	6	43	clear	Rio de Janeiro	22	72	36	97	cloudy
Havana	22	72	26	79	cloudy	Rome	3	27	7	45	clear
Helsinki	5	41	5	41	cloudy	Sao Francisco	5	42	11	52	clear
Hong Kong	12	52	14	57	cloudy	Seoul	6	21	1	39	clear
Honolulu	19	65	27	80	clear	Singapore	24	75	27	81	rain
Jakarta	23	73	30	86	rain	Stockholm	2	36	4	39	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	71	23	91	rain	Sydney	16	60	23	73	clear
Lisbon	5	41	12	54	clear	Taipei	12	54	17	63	cloudy
London	5	41	6	43	cloudy	Tokyo	4	39	11	52	clear
Los Angeles	14	57	28	82	clear	Toronto	-7	19	-11	12	clear
Madrid	-5	23	8	46	clear	Vancouver	-5	41	9	48	cloudy